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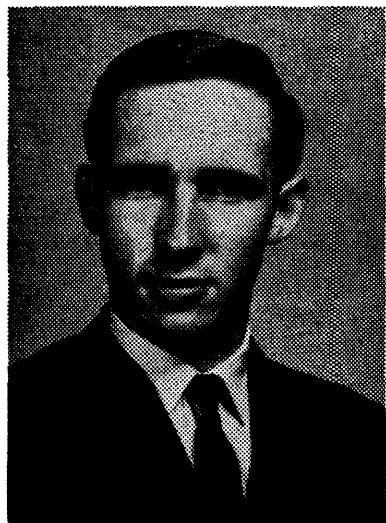
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MEMORIAL SERVICES SET FOR NOV. 10

Chip Off Old Block



DAVID WALTON

Dave is the son of the inimitable Paul "Doc" Walton, the sage of Rome, Ga., who adds much gaiety to all the Ninth Infantry Division Association affairs that he participates in. The Springfield Reunion adopted the Scholarship Committee's recommendation and awarded Dave \$100 on a scholarship at Berry College, in North Georgia—a small school, but one that specializes in learning without the only too many frills of other schools. Many great and scholarly men have attended Berry in their younger days.

Son of New York Chapter Member Gets Scholarship

The following news story is extracted from the newsy sheet President Walter O'Keeffe sends to the New York Chapter members:

"The events that transpired at the Convention will be extensively reported on in the next issue of The Octofoil. However, there is one piece of news that can't wait for publication of The Octofoil.

"Lawrence D'Addona, the son of one of the members of the New York Chapter was awarded a \$400 Scholarship by the Scholarship Committee. Lawrence, who lives with his parents at 1226 Wheeler Ave., Bronx, N. Y., will attend a local college.

"Congratulations—Lawrence. The members of the New York Chapter extend best wishes for a successful college career."

(Editors Note: Efforts will be made to get a photo of Lawrence to run in the next issue of The Octofoil.)

VINCE GUGLIELMINO FAMILY SEND THANKS

The Octofoil is in receipt of a card of thanks and a personal note from First Vice President Vincent Guglielmino. The personal note reads:

Paul: This is to thank the Board of Governors and all other members for their kindnesses in the loss of my father.

The card signed by Mrs. Guglielmino and family reads:

The family of the late Salvatore Guglielmino acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Words can't relieve the grief of Vince, his mother and other members of the bereaved family. Nevertheless, The Octofoil joins with the thousands of other former Ninth Division men in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family.

NEW YORK FALL DANCE IS SET FOR OCTOBER 12

The annual fall dance staged by the New York Chapter will be held October 12, 1963 at the Union City Elk's Club, Union City, New Jersey. Anyone who has ever attended one of these affairs knows everyone will be guaranteed a grand time.

There will be plenty to eat and drink and for all the ballroom dancers they will be furnished a fine band for their enjoyment. The members who support this event are doing their part to help further the success of the Chapter. The tickets are reasonably priced. Members are urged to get groups of friends to go together and really have a ball on Oct. 12, 1963, at the Union City Elks.

Those who haven't already secured tickets for the dance should get in touch with President O'Keeffe immediately at the following address: Walter J. O'Keeffe, 1853 Woodbine St., Ridgewood 27, N. Y.

BILL MAUSER NOW FLORIDA RESIDENT

W. C. "Bill" Mauser has left Ohio for the Sunshine State. In a letter to Secy. Quinn he writes:

Dear Dan: Trust the 1963 Reunion was a success. Please note that my new address is 41 Sherri Circle, West Palm Beach, Fla. Kinda starting a business career all over again. Is there an Association Chapter down here? Moved 1400 miles and first day here find out we moved next door to one of Father Connors' former parishioners in Worcester—the Fitzgeralds. I just can't seem to keep out from under the good Father's surveillance. Dues enclosed.

Bill was an 84th F.A. man.

COLE GRONSETH IS A 3-YEAR MEMBER

A letter from Cole Gronseth, Box 509, Lansing, Mich., reads:

Dear Dan: Enclosed is check and application for three-year membership. You should extend the highest compliment to the Detroit Chapter officers. They are doing an outstanding job. I'm sorry to be a laggard in their ranks.

Hoping to hear from Carl Brady of Mobile, Ala., soon.

MAHER AND BOYLE THANK PESTEL FOR COURTESIES SHOWN

Francis K. Maher, past National Association president, 14 Davenport St., Worcester 10, Mass., stopped over a few hours visit at the Pestel Manor enroute to Springfield. Upon returning to Worcester, both he and National Treasurer Tom Boyle proceeded to write nice letters to the Pestels, thanking them for the "Southern" hospitality treatment accorded them.

The Boyle family live at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Hall writes Dick in part as follows: "... We both want to thank you for the very nice plaque of the Division insignia. We realize the time and work you put into it and do appreciate your thoughtfulness. It adorns an imitation fireplace we purchased for the children some time ago to tell them about Santa Claus. It is in our parlor and looks so very nice."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

DINNER MENU

Customer (to waiter): What's this Brigitte Bardot special?

Waiter: Stuffed tomato with very little dressing, Sir.

CLOUSER ADVISES THE REUNION A SUCCESS

Latest reports from 1963 Reunion Chairman John Clouser brings the glad tidings that the Springfield Reunion was a success and indications are that the Committee may clear around \$1400. This healthy report could not be made had the Reunion been held in any one of the larger metropolitan cities where prices on everything is out of reason.

THE PHILLY CHAPTER SELECTS SHERATON

Al Cuprys, 1964 Reunion chairman, advises that the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, has been selected as headquarters for the 1964 Reunion—and the dates set are July 23, 24 and 25, 1964.

The Philly Chapter members under the leadership of President Jack O'Shea can be depended on to do a bang-up job in 1964. They've already started to doing some real effective work.

EARL AILOR IS A LIGHT COLONEL ON RESERVE

Earl S. Ailor is a member of a prominent Knoxville, Tenn. law firm, Asquith, Ailor & Jones, Bank of Knoxville Bldg., Knoxville 2, Tenn. Earl was with the 47th Regt. and JAG Sec. Div. Hq.

SENDS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Parts of a letter Earl sent to Secy. Quinn under date of June 5, reads:

Dear Dan: Enclosed is my check for Life Membership in the Association.

It is always interesting to read The Octofoil and see what former buddies of the Ninth Division are doing. Since I was relieved from active duty, I have continued in the Reserve and was able to have my commission transferred from Infantry to Judge Advocate General's Corps. I am at present a Lieutenant Colonel in the JAG Reserve. From 1954 to the present time, I have been the County Attorney for Knox County, Tennessee. In addition, I have engaged in private practice of law from 1946 to the present time with the exception of 15 months during the Korean conflict when I was recalled for active duty. I am married and have four children, Annabell, 14; Albert, 12; Polly, 8, and Bill, 6.

In the event I do not get to attend the Springfield Reunion, I wish all members of the Association the best of good health and happiness.

Sincerely yours—EARL S. AILOR.

Walton Made Page 1 In Home Town Paper

A letter received shortly after the 1963 Reunion from Paul "Doc" Walton, Old Dalton Rd., Rt. 7, Rome, Ga., reads:

I arrived back in Georgia with a big head and a flat pocketbook—like a private on his first payday. I went by the bank today and had about ten minutes to report to Brother Dodd and deliver George Green's picture. He was greatly pleased to learn that George was in good health.

I made the ROVING ROMAN feature in the Rome News-Tribune last Thursday.

The Reunion pleased me very much and I met several that I had not seen since we left the states or in England.

We had several characters there but nothing would please me more than to have Cowboy Langford and Walt Reman there sometimes.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

FATHER CONNORS' PARISHIONERS START TO PLAN EARLY FOR THIS YEAR'S SERVICES, AND SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY

With all the fine motels that have gone up on all the roads leading into Worcester, Mass. accommodations for former Ninth Division men attending the Memorial Services at Immaculate Conception Church are easily obtained these days. And judging from many conversations that took place in Springfield during the 1963 Reunion the 1963 Worcester Services will be attended by a greater number of former Ninth men than ever before.

Henry W. Shimkoski Feels Grateful to the Members

Under date of August 10, 1963, The Octofoil received the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

Editor, The Octofoil

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Paul: It is an honor and a privilege for me to have been placed on the Board of Governors of our great Ninth Infantry Division Association, as representative of the New England Chapter.

I come away from our last Reunion in Springfield with a wonderful feeling that comes to one once in a lifetime. My only regret is that I could not have made all the previous Reunions. I am looking forward with anticipation to the Philadelphia Reunion in 1964. In the meantime I'm beating the drums for a larger membership and hoping for a tremendous turnout at our next Reunion.

Enthusiastically yours,

HENRY W. SHIMKOSKI.

42 Plantation St., Worcester, Mass.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

O'Keeffe Hopes to Get Bus Load For Worcester

The New York Chapter Notes that were distributed in August carried the following item:

Some members have inquired if it would be possible to charter a bus for the trip to the Memorial Services at Worcester, Mass., in November. If enough members express a desire to make this trip I will be glad to explore the possibilities of arranging such a trip. If you are interested drop me a line:

Walter J. O'Keeffe
1853 Woodbine St.
Ridgewood 27, N. Y.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

MOOSE MAG GIVES SPACE TO 9TH MEN

The October issue of Moose Magazine featured a picture of former Ninth men who attended the Springfield Reunion and were also members of the Moose Lodge. Noted in the picture, with a large Pestel-made Octofoil in the background were Richard O. Pestel, Columbus, Ohio Lodge No. 11; Vic Ogeen, LeRoy, N. Y. No. 1132; Elbert Price, Champaign, Ill. No. 1288; Otto Kerner, Greater Chicago No. 3, who is Governor of the State of Illinois; John Clouser, Mt. Prospect, Ill. No. 604, newly elected National President of the Association and a Mooseheart graduate; G. C. Tinberg, Champaign; Norman Martin, Belleville, Ill. No. 1221; Frank Ozart, Cicero, Ill. No. 265; and Rong Elmer, Naperville, Ill. No. 1290.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Association Finances In Excellent Shape

National Treasurer Tom Boyle distributed to all the members attending the Springfield Reunion an easily understood, yet comprehensive report.

The Association is on solid ground and is definitely operating on the black side of the ledger.

BUSES FROM NEW YORK

Reports reaching The Octofoil are to the effect that President Walter O'Keeffe of the Greater New York Chapter is making great progress in signing up enough members that intend attending the Services, that it may be possible to charter a private bus for the New Yorkers.

A letter received from Father Connors, dated Sept. 12, reads:

Dear Paul: This year our 9th Division Memorial Mass will be on Sunday, November 10, at 10:15 A.M. And as usual Connors Coffee Shop will be open on Saturday evening for the troops—hosts for the Saturday evening get-together will be our parishioners. I don't have to plead for parishioners to assist me for this occasion. They fight for the privilege of serving my Ninth Division guests.

MANY ARE THRILLED

Throughout the year multitudes have stopped by to view our Ninth Division Memorial—and all are thrilled. For this lovely Memorial I am grateful to so many former Ninth Division men—and Ninth Division Chapters.

Again I wish to express my regrets that I was unable to be with the gang at Springfield—because of a death in my family. From all reports it was very successful.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you, Paul, in November—and many other Ninth Division men—on the occasion of our 19th Annual Memorial Mass. After the Mass the dinner will be at the Sheraton Hotel.

Many blessings to you, Paul—and like many others I am grateful to you for your good work with The Octofoil—and your dedication to the Association.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD T. CONNORS.

Every former Ninth man owes it to himself to make one of these pilgrimages to Worcester for the Memorial Services. It gives anyone attending a feeling of satisfaction—a feeling that a duty has been fulfilled.

Each year the number attending increases—and it is an interesting angle to note that those attending these services are of all creeds and faiths and that the non-Catholics attending outnumber the Catholics by a large majority. This glorious status has not been built on any rabble-rousing crusade. It has been built up over the years slowly and sincerely. After a former 9th man attends one of the services he is forevermore a booster and supporter for the success of all future Memorial Services.

Start making plans now to attend the Memorial Services in Worcester on November 10. And bring along the entire family. No other group of former G.I.s has such a sacred program as the Worcester Memorial program is each year. But then, too, no other division was ever so fortunate as to have a Father Ed Connors either.

But after all Father Connors can only show us the way. Devotion and participation of former Ninth men in large numbers are the real ones who are making such a tremendous success of the Memorial Services each year. No where has anyone ever visited and been made to feel they were any more welcome than does those good people of Worcester when former Ninth men converge on their fine city during November each year.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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JOHN CLOUSER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION FOR 1963-1964

McKENZIE CLAN ROAMS OVER THE EMPIRE STATE

On July 16, a few days after the last issue of The Octofoil went on the press the following letter was received from Joe McKenzie, 95 Washington Ave., Waltham, Mass.:

Editor, Octofoil, Columbus, Ohio
 Gentlemen: The scenic and man-made wonders of New York State attracted the McKenzie family for this summer vacation. Men of Service Co., 26th F.A. were also sought after.

LOCATES HUBER

Harold Huber, the best cook the army ever had, is now the owner of a grocery and provision store in Olean, New York. When my wife saw his meat display her remark was, "I wish I lived near Olean so I could buy this meat. It looks better than any I have seen in cases back home. So any of you Ninth men who live within ten miles of Olean get to Hubers market for your meat and groceries."

We made a visit to West Davenport after visiting Cooperstown to find Jim Hammon but he was not at home.

SAD NEWS

On our way home we took a long detour to visit Bob Hamilton in Valley Falls. It was a sad ending to an otherwise happy trip. The first citizen in the Valley we talked to informed us that Bob died last year. From a telephone call and later a visit to the Valley by Mrs. Hamilton we learned that Bob died on Dec. 23, 1962. Besides his wife he left three children. We had a long talk with Mrs. Hamilton and I know she greatly appreciated our visit even though it was a sad one.

GUARINO ON POLICE FORCE

I have a sister who is going to summer school at Dartmouth College during the month of August. I wrote to Joe Albanese, Service 26th F.A. and White River Junction that she was going to the north country and if he had any free time could he show her that part of the country. Joe misplaced my letter and thought it was July 1 that she would be there so one night I got a long distance phone call to find out more about her trip to Dartmouth. The 84th F.A. is represented in White River by Alphonse Guarino who as a policeman, keeps peace along the main street. The cupboard is pretty bare after this trip so I do not think that I shall be able to visit Springfield. But hello to all the gang anyway.—Sincerely, Joe McKenzie.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

When the installment man from the furniture store calls again just tell him to take a chair.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Propaganda is the other side's cause put so convincingly that it annoys you.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association have elected John Clouser of the Illinois Chapter, to be the Association's president for the ensuing 12 months. Clouser served as National President one other term—and has served on the Board of Governors on several occasions. He was chairman of the recently held Reunion held in Springfield, Ill.

Clouser has an outstanding military record. After World War II he again interrupted his education to go with the troops to Korea. He is dedicated to the Association's Scholarship Program, and with his teaching experience as a background his services to the Association in making a success of the Scholarship Program have proven most valuable.

Names and full addresses of all the officers and board members will be found below. Space limitations does not allow the inclusion of full addresses of all Board members in the masthead that runs in each issue of The Octofoil. The following information should be filed for future reference when a member needs to get in touch with one of the officers:

President: John Clouser, 200 North Elm St., Mt. Prospect, Ill.

First Vice-President: Vincent Guglielmino, 114 Charles St., Floral Park, Long Island, New York.

Second Vice-President: J. Edward Arn, 3147 Carpenter (East), Springfield, Illinois.

Third Vice-President: Jack O'Shea, 412 South Ave., Holmes, Pa.

Secretary: Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J. Telephone: UN. 6-8195.

Treasurer: Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville 44, Mass.

Judge Advocate: Harrison Daysh, 4303 Carriage Court, Rock Creek Highlands, Kensington, Md.

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Henry Shimkoski, 42 Plantation St., Worcester, Mass.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Some people will believe anything you tell them if you whisper it.

ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL WILL SEND FINE PRINTS OF REUNION PICTURES

The Octofoil contacted Edward H. Armstrong, Managing Editor of the Illinois State Register, Springfield, Ill., in an effort to get glossy prints of the photos that were run in the Register pertaining to Association activities during the Reunion.

The following letter from Mr. Armstrong explains itself:

Dear Mr. Plunkett: I am sorry to report to you that a check of our files shows none of the pictures of youth Ninth Infantry Division Reunion remaining. I assume members of your group picked up the photos.

Those original copies of photos we make up for use in the newspaper are given away on a first come, first served basis. Additional copies can be obtained, but there is a charge of 75 cents. So, if you want any of those pictures we will have to charge you for them.

Anyone desiring to purchase copies of the reunion photos our photographers took, I suggest they write directly to Mr. William Hagen, our chief photographer, and their order will be filled promptly.

We are pleased that you enjoyed your stay in Springfield and hope you will come again.—Sincerely, Edward H. Armstrong, managing editor.

Anyone of the three photos used in this issue of The Octofoil may be obtained on a glossy print finish by sending 75 cents to Bill Hagen, care Illinois State Register, Springfield, Ill.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

"Chick" Hennen Finally Writes From Minnesota

Many years back N. J. "Chick" Hennen sent items in to the Octofoil regularly. And a few stalwart former Ninth men out Minnesota way held meetings at intervals. Then the letters stopped coming. So it is good to hear from Chick again. His address is 4130 Washburn Ave., No., Minneapolis 12, Minn. In a short letter shortly after the Springfield Reunion Chick writes Secretary Dan Quinn as follows:

Dear Dan: Just a note to let you know how much my wife, Anne, and I enjoyed the wonderful conclave staged in Springfield.

Many of the former 60th Infantry friends with whom we visited hadn't been in contact with us for over 20 years. It certainly was great to reminisce with fellows like Hank Royall, John Dille, Norman Martin, John Carrier, Harold Smith, Bill Bateman, Fred Josey, Larry Dalton, Ted Youngquist, and the host of others, as well.

This was a well run and superbly organized convention. We only wish there were more in the Middle West so we of the Upper Midwest could participate more frequently.

As ever—CHICK.

"Wild Bill" Zweil Is Puzzled About Things

Wild Bill Zweil writes from 1211 E. 6th Ave., Hialeah, Fla., shortly after returning from the Reunion.

His letter reads in part:
 Hi: We had a real Lincoln tour this year. I learned a lot about Abe. For one thing I found that in his young days he was like I in my old days.

We left Springfield and found a beautiful spot for weekends in Columbus, Ohio, the Nationwide Inn, and reasonable. From there we went to Gettysburg, and I still can't understand why the Rebs lost. From there we went on to York, Pa., where we found another swell place to spend a few days, owned by the nicest people a person would want to meet.

Then back to Hialeah where the weather is fine.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Bill Nelson Comes Up With a New Prospect

Bill Nelson, a hardworking member of the Ohio Chapter, writes Secy. Quinn from 712 McDowell Ave., Steubenville, Ohio, as follows:

Dear Dan: I was just talking to Charles W. Chastain of East Springfield, Ohio, who was a member of 1st Bn. Hqtr. 47th Regt. After I told him of the good time we had the Reunion in Springfield and some of his old buddies who were asking about him he gave me his dues for this year. I think he will be with us next year in Philadelphia. Don't forget to put him on the Ohio Chapter's mailing list.

Nelson was with K Co., 39th Regt.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Most women don't mind men reading them like a book just so he does not use the braille system.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, *National Secretary*, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1964 dues for:

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I was a member of:

Battery _____; Company _____; Regiment _____ 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member, per year _____ \$ 4.00 ☐

Sustaining Member _____ ☐

THREE-YEAR MEMBER _____ \$11.00 ☐

Life Membership _____ \$50.00 ☐

Octofoil Automobile License Disc _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

Decals, 25c; (5) five for _____ \$ 1.00 ☐

"Eight Stars to Victory" _____ \$ 2.00 ☐

(Pictorial History of 9th Division in action.)

Ladies' Auxiliary Member _____ \$ 1.50 ☐

Combat Route Map _____ \$.50 ☐

60th Infantry History _____ \$.50 ☐

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Ohio ☐ Fayetteville-Fort Bragg, N. C. ☐

Howard Summer Helps By Sending News Mats

Howard Summer, a former Co. K, 60th man, a member of the Illinois Chapter, was a human dynamo during the Springfield Reunion. He was able to always be at the right place at the right time when the visitors needed local assistance. Howard is employed on one of the Springfield newspapers and is an officer of the Springfield Typographical Union.

Shortly after arriving back in Columbus from the Reunion the editor of The Octofoil received from Howard mats that had been used by the Springfield newspapers to make casts for the pages that had pictured many of the Association activities during the Reunion.

These pictures are being used in this issue of The Octofoil. Howard's thoughtfulness has saved The Octofoil quite a few dollars. The editor had planned on sending money to the newspapers to pay for prints of the photos used in the Springfield papers and having cuts made from these prints. Being able to use the mats made the operation much cheaper. There was one mat that Howard was unable to locate. This one showed Bob Winkelman, Illinois Chapter, greeting Bill Cairnes at the registration desk.

It's the spirit and thoughtfulness of many members like Howard Summer that has made the Ninth Infantry Division Association rate top listing in the roster of similar organizations of ex-G.I.s.

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John Jacobs Plans For 1964 Reunion

John Jacobs, 3rd Bn. 47th, writes from 10205 Sophia Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, as follows:

Dear Dan: Sorry I did not send my 1963 dues in sooner but the beginning of the year I had a very serious operation and stayed in the hospital for a month and did not get back to my job until April 15.

My wife, Anne, and I went to see Ernie and Martha Long and had a very nice visit. We talked about old times and looked at the photographs he had. In fact he was the one who reminded me of my dues. He also said the people who go to the conventions have a good time.

I will not be able to make it this year for the convention but if everything is okay by next year my wife and I will see you and the rest of my former buddies in 1964.

JOHN JACOBS.

MANY FORMER 9TH MEN PAY RESPECTS TO VINCE GUGLIELMINO'S FATHER

Vincent Guglielmino's father passed away on July 22. Vince is the first vice-president of the Association and a hard-working member of the New York Chapter. The Octofoil joins with thousands of other former Ninth men and extends to the bereaved family sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

In furnishing The Octofoil with a list of former Ninth men who attended the wake at Vitale Funeral Home, 124 Mulberry St., New York, Reporter Arthur Schmidt offers apologies for not getting the names of some who were there. Among those names that were furnished included Ed Egan, Lou Almasy, Walter O'Keeffe, Jack Scully, Dan Quinn, George Apar, Adolph Wadalavage, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Dom Miele, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fazio, Mr. and Mrs. John Rizzo and Arthur Schmidt.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

BILL MORAN GOT A BANG FROM HISTORY

Bill Moran, former 9th Divarty, Hq. Bty., now 906 South Park Ave., Glenshaw, Pa., writes Secretary Dan Quinn thusly:

Hello Dan: Thanks for the prompt reply and my book "8 Stars to Victory." I don't know when I enjoyed reading as much, but maybe it's always good to hear about familiar places and people. My respect for those who come to grips with the really rough side of things, was always with tremendous regard. It's interesting to get the detailed picture of what actually took place. As an artilleryman I got to know the outfits well while with our radio section and laying wire.

Please enroll me as an active member of the Association.

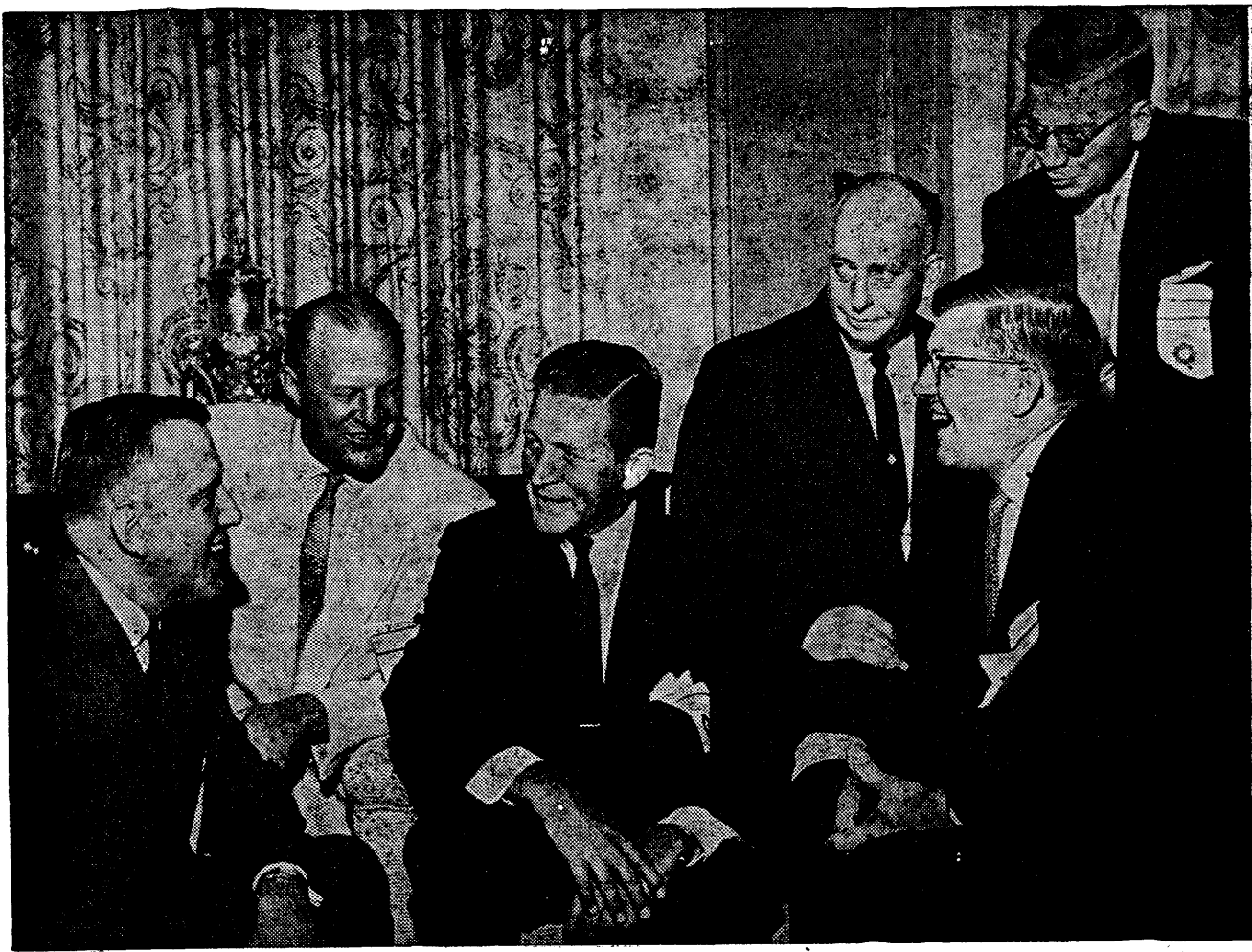
—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Mrs. C. Polley, Gold Star Mother, Dies

Mrs. C. Polley, 1662 Westfield St., West Springfield, Mass., passed away recently. She was the mother of Pvt. Pleas E. Polley, 47th Regt., who was killed in action.

A niece, Mrs. Irving Bottesin, advised Secretary Quinn of Mrs. Polley's death but she failed to give the date the Gold Star Mother passed away.

SOME OF THE FORMER NINTH MEN WHO GATHERED AT ILLINOIS GOVERNOR'S MANSION DURING REUNION



This 4-column picture appeared on page 1 of the Illinois State Register during the Reunion in Springfield, Ill. The Register cutlines read: **OLD TIMES RELIVED**—Governor Otto Kerner, third from left, talks over some of the happenings which occurred when he was in the Ninth Infantry Division, with some of the officers of the division's convention, left to right: John Clouser of Mount Prospect, chairman; Frank Ozart, of Chicago; Governor Kerner; Claude Murray of Jacksonville; Howard Summer of Springfield, standing at the right; and Thomas Boyle of Somerville, Mass., National Treasurer, seated at the right. The officers of the 9th Infantry Division Association were dinner guests of the governor at the mansion Thursday night. The Ninth Infantry Division Association opened its annual convention Thursday.—Register Staff Photo.

On the same page with the picture was a feature story written by George Derwig with an 8-column streamer headline in color—"WHEN OLD WAR BUDDIES GET TOGETHER, THEY TALK ABOUT . . ."

Parts of Derwig's story reads:

"Old soldiers never die. They just fade away," Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said.

The same holds true of the not so old civilian soldiers when their wives accompany them to a reunion of their unit.

The welcome part of the 1963 reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association started off with great promise about 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Nicholas Hotel ballroom.

Several hundred buddies greeted each other with gusto. As refreshments loosened tongues, the conversation at every table was about as follows:

"Say, do you remember the time when we were in Algiers?"

"You mean when Shorty 'n you 'n I visited . . ."

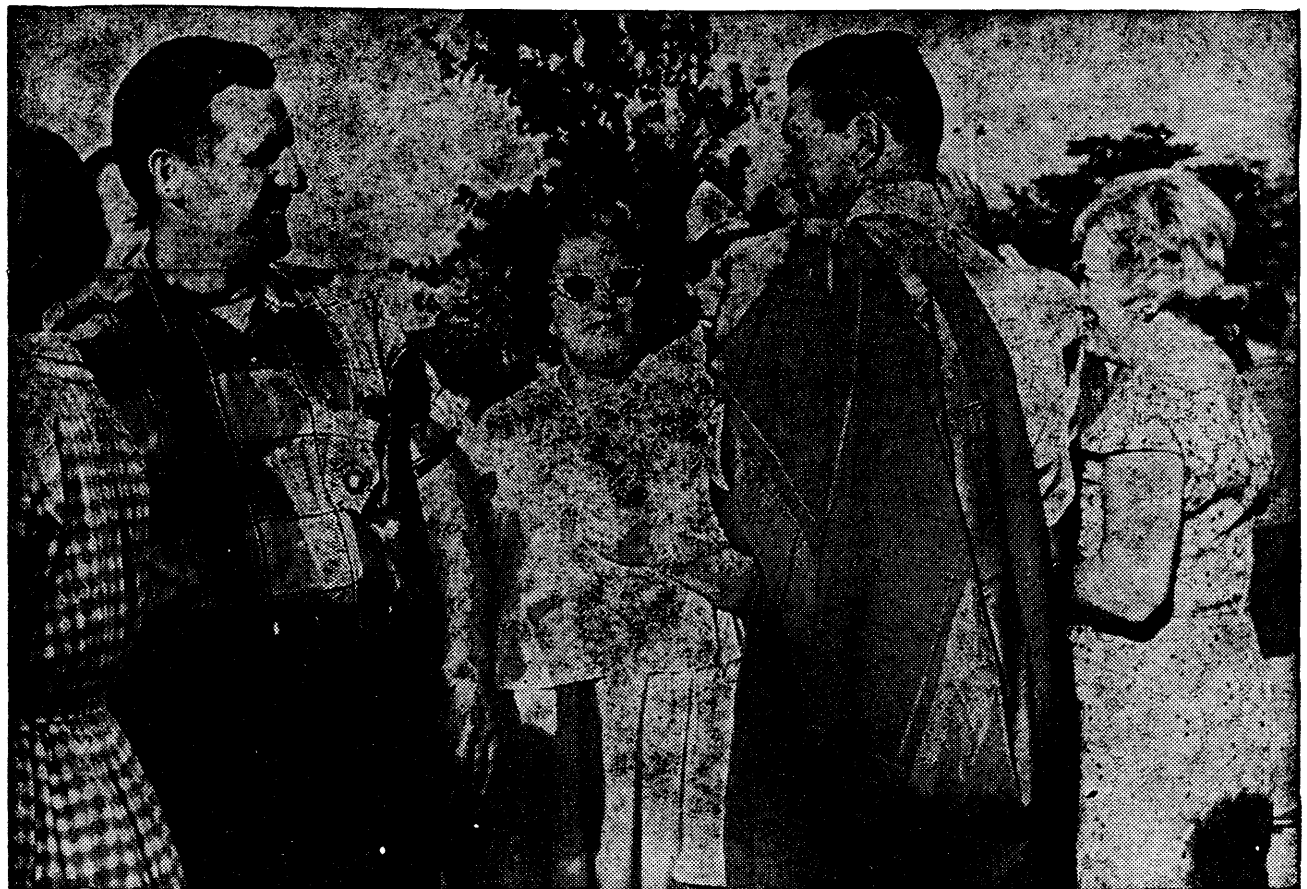
"Guess we'd better skip that one. The women don't understand."

When some of the reminiscences did get a little further along, some of the participants seemed to go blank.

Pretty soon almost everyone was on safe ground talking about "the wife and kids" and "what's happened since we saw each other in '45."

As the evening wore on, it was national, state and association politics and current social trends. This was given impetus by the presence of Governor Otto Kerner, who served with the division in 1942 through the African and Sicilian campaigns.

GOVERNOR AND MRS. KERNER SWEAT OUT FISH FRY CHOW LINE AND CHAT WITH MANY OF THE OLD GANG



This picture was printed on page 1 of the second section of The Illinois State Journal on Saturday, July 27, 1963, and read as follows:

Governor Otto Kerner, with coat thrown over his shoulder, swaps stories with old buddies during the National Annual Reunion Fish Fry for the Ninth Infantry Division Association Friday night at the DAV Club, Lake Springfield. The Division's headquarters are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.—Illinois State Journal Staff Photo.

Other excerpts from George Derwig's story, parts of which are quoted above, reads:

Among those conserving energy for sessions which continue through Saturday was Springfield's Al Papai, one-time major league pitcher, and now a city mail carrier. It was Al's first reunion. Baseball always had him tied up at reunion time in previous years.

A quiet fellow, he was nevertheless hailed with joy by a contingent of rabid ball fans from New York and Philadelphia. They spent hours recalling how Al helped give the 47th Infantry Regiment the champion baseball team of the Ninth Division when it was based at Fort Bragg. According to Walter O'Keeffe of Ridgewood, N. Y.; Max Umansky of Jamaica, N. Y.; Frank Fazio and Harry Orenstein of the Bronx, N. Y., there are a lot of plays and scores to be rehashed before the Reunion is over.

One of the most enthusiastic groups was the table of 26th Field Artillery veterans, despite their wives. And that was because Alex Willcap, Chicago building manager and ex-prizefighter showed up. An irrepressible extrovert, he kept the men and their wives in stitches.

"He's the reason our outfit had such high morale," said Joe Mosier, Chicago gas company equipment salesman. His wife, Josephine, smiled, as she would have at one of their four children. The other wives chuckled, looking at each other with understanding. They had never seen Alex before, but had heard of him hundreds of times in the past 18 years. At this table were also William and Dorothy Meadows of Detroit, with their 13-year-old Guy, and 2-year-old Donald; Earl Landon and wife from Royal Oak, Mich.

Major Castellano At New York Academy

Major Anthony F. Castellano is the Assistant Commandant of the New York Military Academy, Cornwall-On-Hudson, N. Y.

The major sent in his dues and was making inquiry about the French Liberation Medal.

Secretary Quinn advises that so far this medal has not been issued. If and when it is issued notices will be put in The Octofoil with full information.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Pat Decolli Suffered Three Operations

The following card was sent to Art Schmidt by Pat Decolli:

Hello Art: Sorry I could not make the picnic on June 2, but I've been in the hospital a few times since I last seen you, and have had three operations. I won't be able to make the Reunion in Springfield. It's been a long time since I missed on. Tell the boys, and Stone of Illinois, the reason. Hope you and your mother are well and have a good time at the Reunion.—Pat Decolli, 1837 S. Carlisle St., Philadelphia 45, Pa.

"THE MAD RUSSIAN" GETS CLEARANCE FOR 3 YEARS

The "Mad Russian," Michael H. Mysyk, 12604 Darlington Ave., Garfield Heights, Ohio, is in the chips again so he sends Secretary Quinn dues for another three years. No 9th Division Convention session is in order any more until Mike makes his appearance and begins to operate from the floor like the old pro that is. Co. G, 60th Regt. men will be interested in knowing that Mike is a top drawer official in one of the larger labor unions in the Cleveland area.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

DICK ROGERS OPENS BROKERAGE OFFICE

Dick Rogers is an old 26th F.A. Hqtrs. man. Now he's a Florida real estate tycoon. The following card beautifully printed was recently received by The Octofoil:

Announcing the opening of
Lawrence R. (Dick) Rogers
Real Estate Broker's Office
908 N. 39th Road
Hollywood, Florida

For All Your Real Estate Needs

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

The modern definition of war is lick 'em, feed 'em and finance 'em.

Mrs. Lillian McAvoy Has a New Address

The Octofoil is in receipt of a nice letter from Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, a Gold Star Mother. Her son was killed in March, 1943. She has attended a few Reunions and enjoyed them a great deal, and says she enjoys reading The Octofoil very much. So as not to miss any issues Mrs. McAvoy sent in a change of address plenty of time in advance. The old address was Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, 26 East Linden, Collingswood, N. J. The new address will be Mrs. Lillian McAvoy, No. 3 Georgia Ave., Villas, N. J.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

James Lackmore Is a Decatur, Ill. Resident

James W. Lackmore was with Hq. & Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. 39th Regt. He now lives at 166 N. Westlawn, Decatur, Illinois. He has written Secretary Quinn seeking more information about the Association. There's a live prospect for the Illinois Chapter to get after.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A neurotic is a person who thinks you mean it when you ask him how he is.

Ninth Division Gold Star Mother Is Dead

Mrs. Julia Crovella died at her home recently, at 13-83 Beach Channel Drive, Far Rockaway, N. Y., after a long illness.

Mrs. Crovella was the mother of Cosmo Crovella, who was killed in combat while with the Ninth Division. Many of those attending the Springfield Reunion who were buddies of Cosmo's, were saddened when the news of his mother's death was relayed to the Convention.

Mrs. Crovella leaves her husband, three other sons and four daughters. To the bereaved family The Octofoil extends heartfelt sympathy.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

VOLLMAN HAS FEW PROSPECTS IN LINE

Robert M. Vollman, Rt. 4, Box 84, Bowling Green, Ohio, recently sent a postal card to Dick Pestel with a short but mighty interesting note—it read:

Dear Dick: I have a few fellows from around here who would like to join the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Would you please send me some application blanks?

OSCAR RICHARDS SENDS GREETINGS

Oscar Richards, Sharon Drive, Wayne, Pa., writes:

Would like to say hello to the fellows from Cannon Co., 60th Inf.; also Serv. Co. 60th Inf.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Dave Elway Registers New Address Quickly

If all members were as prompt in sending in address changes as David A. Elway is The Octofoil's headaches would be less and more dimes would be in the kitty. Dave's old address was 1708 Meadville St., Pittsburgh 14, Pa. When he learned he'd be moving within a few days, he sent The Octofoil the new address several days before the move was made. The new address is David A. Elway, James Ross Apts., 11 Jarvis Court, Pittsburgh 37, Pa.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A cultured woman is one who by the mere shrug of her shoulder can adjust her shoulder straps.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

If you don't believe businessmen are hard, take a look at their arteries.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER FILLED WITH EMOTION WHILE DELIVERING ADDRESS AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICES

This picture appearing in the Saturday afternoon (July 27) editions of the Illinois State Register, carried the following cut lines:

NINTH DIVISION HOLDS MEMORIAL RITES AT TOMB
Governor Otto Kerner give a talk before members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at a wreath-laying ceremony today at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Scores of World War II veterans of the division and their families attended the memorial services and wreath-laying ceremony at 10 A.M. Services at the cemetery preceded a buffet luncheon at New Salem State Park.

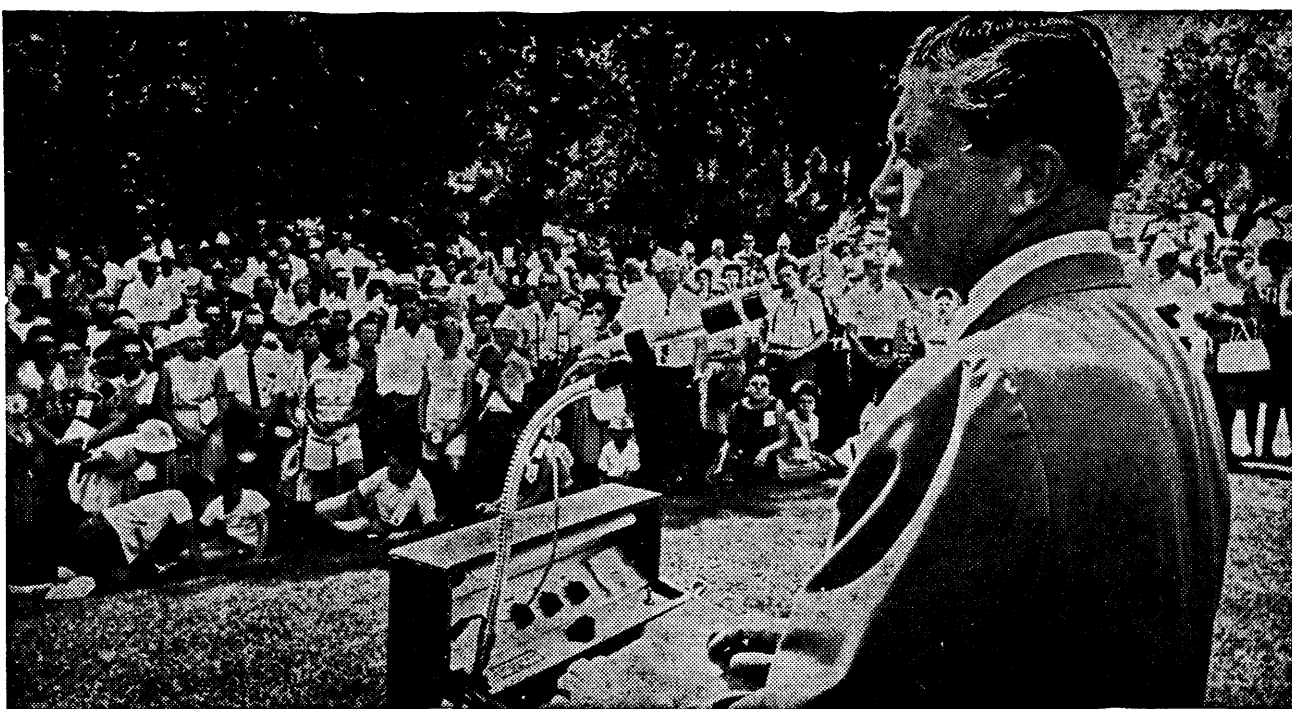
Quoting further from George Derwig's story, parts of the story reads:

Joe Mosier recalled when he and his buddies were making a play for two French Algerian girls. Their father, however, served the Yanks such good wine that, as Joe put it, they "visited with him."

The buddies agreed, "We had our share of fighting and fun." The Ninth Division went through eight major battles and had the third highest casualty rate of any division in World War II.

"It may not be the largest, but it's the most terrific organization to meet in Springfield," exploded the dauntless Alex Willcap.

A quieter veteran, but just as proud of the Ninth was Charles Scheffel (39th Regt.) who came from Oklahoma City, Okla., with his wife, Ruth. He brought a wartime scrap book with him to check campaign details with his buddies. Interested in tracing the trail from Africa to the River Elbe in Germany, with Scheffel were Frank Russo, furrier from Raritan, N. J., and Charles Warner, bartender from Bound Brook, N. J., both bachelors. The married men at the table were marched off to bed right after D-Day.



MINUTES OF 68TH SESSION, BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN SPRINGFIELD

The 68th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 4:10 P. M., July 25, 1963 at the Hotel St. Nicholas, Springfield, Ill., attended by Messrs.: Francis Maher, Richard Pestel, John Clouser, John Rizzo, Leonard DeBell, Walter O'Keeffe, Alfons Cuprys, Frank Ozart, John Sabato and George Apar. Also present were: Harrison Daysh, Judge Advocate; Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Harry Orenstein, Third Vice-President, and Reverend Gerald Rowan. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President Francis Maher.

The Secretary, Daniel Quinn, then read the minutes of the 67th meeting. After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Al Cuprys it was voted to: Accept the minutes as read, and place same on file.

RIZZO BRINGS SAD NEWS

John Rizzo informed members of the death of the father of the First Vice-President, Vincent Guglielmino. The members extended their sympathy and President Maher instructed the secretary to send a telegram of condolence.

Treasurer Thomas Boyle then gave his report. After a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by Frank Ozart, it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

SCHOLARSHIP INQUIRIES

John Clouser, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported "A number of inquiries were received concerning the scholarship during the past year. Three applications were received and considered. All three of the applicants were children of members of the Association. They were a fine group of young people, all of whom had been accepted at a recognized college.

In arriving at a decision the Committee considered the following factors: 1. High School record; 2. Vocational aspirations; 3. The ability of the applicant to express himself in the letter of application; 4. Financial need. Under the financial need the committee considered the ability of the family to provide for a college education and the cost of attending the college of the applicant's choice. Based on these criteria the committee has chosen Lawrence D'Adonna of the Bronx, New York, and David Walton of Mount Berry, Georgia; \$400.00 to be granted to D'Adonna, and \$100 to Walton for the coming year. Grant will be made upon the verification of enrollment at accredited institutions of collegiate rank.

The applicants have been notified of the decision of the committee and that they will receive final information upon approval of the committee's action by the Board of Governors.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by John Rizzo, it was voted to: Approve the recommendations and actions of the Scholarship Committee.

President Francis Maher thanked John Clouser and his Committee for their efforts and report.

John Clouser gave a report on the Reunion. The Reunion Committee was well pleased with the attendance so far at the Hotel and all indications are that the attendance will exceed that expected by the committee.

President Maher thanked Clouser for this report.

During the 67th meeting of the

Board of Governors held on May 4, 1963, Hotel Thayer, West Point, N. Y., the Board adopted a proposal to amend the By-laws by adding thereto Article 19A to read as follows:

19A. The members of the Board of Governors may be reimbursed for their individual transportation expenses incidental to their attendance at duly called meetings of the Board, excluding meetings held at the time and place of the annual meeting or reunion, to a maximum amount of \$50.00 to each member for attending each such meeting. The transportation rate shall be determined on the basis of the rail coach fare or air coach fare, whichever is less. Request for the reimbursement shall be made in writing to the Secretary, verified and approved by the Board and payment made following such approval.

After a motion made by John Rizzo and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Adopt this Amendment to the By-Laws.

Walter O'Keeffe voted against this motion to Amend the By-Laws and requested that the minutes record him as voting "no."

President Francis Maher appointed the Chairman of the following Committees:

Finance and Budget: Walter O'Keeffe.

Newspaper: Richard Pestel.

Nominating: John Rizzo.

Miscellaneous: Robert Rumenapp.

ADOPT REUNION REPORT

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Richard Pestel, it was voted to: Accept the final reading of the 1962 Fort Bragg-Fayetteville Reunion Financial Report.

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by John Sabato, it was voted to: Thank John Clouser, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, and the Illinois members of the Committee for a job well done.

After a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Robert Rumenapp it was voted to: Adjourn at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL QUINN,

National Secretary

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

DON CROSSKILL'S WIFE PASSES AWAY

The Octofoil editor's home phone began ringing late one night shortly after returning from Springfield.

The call was from a Mr. Warren L. Schwochow of Columbus, Ohio, who had called to say that he had attended funeral services that afternoon in Fremont, Ohio, held for Esther Ruth Crosskill, wife of Don Crosskill, 1020 Franklin St., Fremont, Ohio, a former 47th man.

The news was a great shock. The informer advised he was a relative of the Crosskills and had been instructed to pass that sad news on to The Octofoil. Don Crosskill and Esther were a devoted couple. It seems only yesterday that several former Ninth men who had attended the Reunion in Detroit stopped on their way back home and visited with Esther and Don and were treated so wonderful.

The Octofoil extends sympathy to Don, his two lovely daughters, and other bereaved members of the Crosskill family.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

College bred is sometimes just a four-year loaf.

Official "Snooper"



The New York Chapter picnic pictures used in this issue of The Octofoil were made by Walter O'Keeffe, president of the chapter, and James Haroutunian. The photo shown above shows the Chapter's ace reporter taking notes. Art Schmidt, the reporter, admitted to The Octofoil that the notes he took were a bit hazy because of beer consumed previous to the note taking spree.

Harold and Bobbie Stone Visit Out West

Harold Stone and his wife, Bobbie, missed the Springfield Reunion. One of the first they have missed in several years. Illness of Bobbie's mother, who lives in California, made a trip out there necessary just previous to the 1963 Reunion.

Harold is an active member of the Ohio Chapter and never misses a meeting. He has asked The Octofoil to publish the following poem that applies to only too many of our own Association members:

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend our meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong?"

There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about
And we'll appreciate it if you, too,
Will come and help us out.

So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, Brother;
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

ANONYMOUS.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—
Remember the Worcester, Mass.
date—November 10.
—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

AUGUST 25, 1963 WAS BILL KREYE'S DAY... DOWN PHILADELPHIA WAY

By BILL KREYE,
337 20th Street
Brooklyn 15, New York

The Octofoil's old stand-by, Bill Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, New York, on August 17, got his type-writer out and prepared the following interesting letter:

It has always been a pleasure to meet with my many old friends and to make new ones who attend the Ninth Division Reunions. However, we just about get to say hello and not much more before the time has passed on. These reunions are too short on time and too long on the pocketbook. I have a suggestion to make about such get-togethers further on in this letter and sometimes someone else may come up with an ideal solution if you just start them thinking about it. As usual, it was a wonderful convention and Clouser, along with other members of the Reunion Committee, went all out to make it a success.

BILL KREYE'S DAY

As far as I was concerned, August 25, 1963 was Bill Kreye's day. Why all this attention, I don't know. But, to give you what happened, I have to go back many years to the first Reunion held at Philadelphia. I rode down alone to attend the banquet on Saturday night. After it was over my friend Bill Sollday suggested I stay at his place for the night and travel back to Brooklyn in the daylight. We arrived at his place about 3:00 in the morning and his dear mother got up about 5:00 A.M. to make those delicious black cherry, vanilla, meringue pies. I'll never forget that.

ATTENDS PICNIC

For August 25, 1963 I was invited to the Philadelphia Chapter picnic by the chapter secretary, Dick Wilson, and a special invite by Marty and Lily Krasovetz, who were having the picnic at their place. I was told not to bring any food as everyone else was told to bring their own food.

After I had been there a few hours, Bill Sollday and his dear mother arrived, which in itself is out of the ordinary. Bill's mother came down with two of those cherry pies just for me. Sorry boys, they were not passed around. That is why I say it was Bill Kreye's day and Mary Martha, the daughter, and Lily Krasovetz made sure the Sarge had plenty to eat. Incidentally, I am not a Philadelphia Chapter member. I'm a New York Chapter member and a very poor one at that. I have attended more Philly meetings than I have New York meetings.

The main purpose for the picnic was to get things rolling for the coming Reunion—1964 in PHILADELPHIA, PA. I must say we have a group of live wires in Philly who know what they are doing. The formula for the Philadelphia 1964 Reunion or any other Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion is—A well entertained group attending the Reunion minus the cost to entertain that group always results in a successful and prosperous affair.

There are many problems connected with the preparation of a Reunion and this one is confronted with cost problems. Jack O'Shea, John Sabato & Company (the company being the Philly chapter members) have a tough assignment ahead of them. They already have the wheels turning in the right direction to fulfill

their aim. They are backed up by the women's auxiliary. Let's give these unsung heroines a great big hand, without them we could never carry on so successfully.

PROBLEMS ARE MANY

One big problem is how to entertain the women and children at the 1964 Reunion. Well, I have a suggestion: How about the women and children attending the committee meetings while the old veterans relax? If the costs of running a beer party or having a band to dance to are too exorbitant, why not have a smoker with coffee and tea. Let the boys get around in a huddle and chat. Maybe they will introduce a few of those guys we always see but never get to talk to and probably never will get to know. Maybe a bathing beauty contest or a girlie show can be substituted for an expensive dance band. When I say they are working in the right direction, I am referring to reducing the cost of the entertainment. At the Sheraton, there is the prospect that there will be no parking charge. However, the few bucks saved here may be spent for the strip tickets to the convention. Things are much dearer in the East than they were at Fort Bragg and Springfield.

Anyway, I am for something new. I am sick of bus rides, colonial furniture and buildings and of uninteresting speakers, if we have any. Let's get into the habit now that it is a must for PHILADELPHIA IN 1964. To make it a success, it depends on all of us to support it.

INQUIRIES ABOUT BOOK

I have been asked by many, "How is the book coming along?" I didn't know so many were interested in it. Well, it is almost finished as far as I can write it. I have been sending my friend Frank Fidler down in Florida a copy of the chapters and he has this comment to make about it, if I may quote him:

"Bill, I think you are doing a bang up job and think it will end up as a must reading for anyone who was a member of the Ninth. About some of those incidents I really had a big laugh. Of course in the printed word it lost somewhat of your art of raconteur which is hard to pass on into print. You've got quite a story to tell, Bill—one that will interest every ex-Ninth man, but also another version could be a best seller. A professional author could probably turn it into a classic." The quoted paragraph by Frank Fidler who has read a few introductory chapters of the book.

So, in the best interest of all, I pass on to The Octofoil the above information in the hope when it is passed on to our Comrades of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, some good may result. Kindest and best regards to all Comrades of the Association wherever they may be.—Sincerely, Bill Kreye.

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JOE KILLACKY HAD A BALL AT REUNION

Joe Killacky, a former K Co., 47th man, of Box 164, Downes Grove, Ill., has this to say about the Reunion:

Dear Dan: Mary and I sure enjoyed meeting you in Springfield. Sorry now I did not go to a convention sooner. Also very happy to meet such K Co. men as Shell, Umansky, Pestel and others. Hope to meet more of them next year.

MINUTES OF 69TH BOARD MEETING WHICH WAS HELD ON JULY 27, 1963

The 69th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 2:00 P.M., July 27, 1963, at the Hotel St. Nicholas, Springfield, Illinois, attended by Messrs. Francis Maher, Richard Pestel, Alfons Cuprys, Victor Butswinkus, Walter O'Keefe, Henry Shimkoski, John Clouser, John Bonkowski, Leonard DeBell, Frank Ozart, Frank Wade, Harry Orenstein and John Rizzo. Also present were: Thomas Boyle, Treasurer; Harrison Dyash, Judge Advocate; and retiring Board member John Sabato. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order by President Francis Maher.

The Secretary, Daniel Quinn, read the minutes of the 68th meeting. After a motion duly made by Richard Pestel and seconded by Victor Butswinkus it was voted to: Accept the reading of the minutes, as read, and place same on file.

The Treasurer Thomas Boyle gave a brief report. After a motion duly made by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by Leonard DeBell it was voted to: Accept the Treasurer's report.

Thomas Boyle, a spokesman for the New England Chapter, withdrew the New England Chapter's bid for the 1964 Reunion.

PHILLY-DELAWARE BIDS

Alfons Cuprys spoke for the Philly-Delaware Chapter's bid for the 1964 Reunion.

John Sabato also spoke for this Chapter and thanked Thomas Boyle and the New England members for withdrawing their bid for the 1964 Reunion.

After a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by Leonard DeBell it was voted to hold the 1964 Reunion in Philadelphia. Alfons Cu-

prys as Chairman and John Sabato as Co-Chairman.

John Rizzo submitted a bid for the New York Chapter for the 1965 Reunion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

John Clouser was nominated by Leonard DeBell and seconded by Frank Wade. John Rizzo was nominated by Walter O'Keefe and seconded by Harry Orenstein.

John Clouser was declared elected to the office of President.

First Vice-President

Vincent Guglielmino was nominated by John Rizzo and seconded by John Rizzo. Unanimous ballot was cast.

Second Vice-President

Edward Arn was elected.

Third Vice-President

Jack O'Shea was elected.

Judge Advocate

Harrison Daysh was nominated by John Rizzo and seconded by Walter O'Keefe. Unanimous ballot was cast.

Secretary

Daniel Quinn was nominated by John Rizzo and seconded by Victor Butswinkus. Unanimous ballot was cast.

Treasurer

Thomas Boyle was nominated by John Clouser and seconded by Walter O'Keefe. Unanimous ballot was cast.

President Francis Maher congratulated the newly elected officers.

Upon a motion duly made by Leonard DeBell and seconded by John Clouser, it was voted to: Adjourn at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL, QUINN,
National Secretary

18TH ANNUAL REUNION MINUTES SHOULD BE READ BY ALL MEMBERS

The 18th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was held at the Hotel St. Nicholas, Springfield, Illinois, on July 26, 1963. There being a quorum of 60 members present, President Francis Maher then called the meeting to order at 11:25 A.M. A minute of silence was observed for the departed men of the Ninth.

The President then called upon the National Secretary, Daniel Quinn, to read the minutes of the 17th annual reunion. Upon a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the minutes of the 17th Annual Reunion as read and place same on file for the record.

Treasurer Thomas Boyle gave his report. The Treasurer gave an outlined report on the income and expenses for the year. He concluded with the remark that in his opinion the Association was in good financial status.

President Maher thanked Thomas Boyle for his report.

Upon a motion duly made by John Clouser and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Accept the treasurer's report.

REUNION REPORT

President Francis Maher then called upon John Clouser, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, for his report. Clouser briefed the members on events to take place. The attendance was greater than expected and all in all it should be a successful financial reunion.

President Maher thanked Clouser for his report.

President Maher then asked John Clouser if he would continue with his Scholarship Committee report. Clouser explained to the members that a number of inquiries were received for the scholarship and that three applications were received and considered. The committee considered the following factors: 1. High School record, 2. Vocational aspirations, 3. The ability of the applicant to express himself in the letter of application, 4. Financial need. Under financial need the committee considered the ability of the family to provide for a college education and the cost of attending the college of the applicant's choice. Based on these criteria the committee has chosen Lawrence D'Addona, 1226 Wheeler Ave., Bronx, New York, and David Walton, of Mount Berry, Ga. The committee would like to suggest that a sum of \$400 be granted to D'Addona and \$100 to Walton, for the coming year.

The Board of Governors at the 68th meeting approved the recommendations and actions of the Scholarship Committee.

Upon a motion duly made by John Sabato and seconded by Walter O'Keefe, it was voted to: Accept the Scholarship report presented by John Clouser.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

President Maher thanked John Clouser for his report. Clouser added that donations for the Scholarship Fund would be accepted and that at the banquet, containers would be placed at the tables for the members to donate if they care to. Mr. Michael McInerney, a Gold Star parent, from New York, donated a check for \$50. This donation was followed by the Illinois Chapter with a check for \$25.

FINANCE AND BUDGET

The Finance and Budget Committee Chairman, Walter O'Keefe, then named the following members who comprised his committee: Elmer Rogers, John Bonkowski, Alfons Cuprys, Henry Shimkoski, Frank Wade and Richard Toole.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION BUDGET 1963-1964

Anticipated Income	
Dues	\$3,500.00
Investments	1,200.00
Reunion	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	\$5,400.00
Cash on Hand	849.43
	\$ 6,249.43
Total	\$6,249.43
Anticipated Expenditures	
Octofoil (includes Edi-	

tor's expense)	\$2,025.00
Secretary's salary	600.00
Clerical expenses	600.00
Telephone and utilities	320.00
Insurance	100.00
Accountant's Service	100.00
Treasurer's Expense	150.00
Secretary's Expense	250.00
Postage	370.00
Stationery and supplies	150.00
Dues notices	100.00
Printing	200.00
Post office box	12.00
Bank deposit box	6.60
Social Security	21.00
Corporation Filing Fee	
and Notary expense	2.00
Board of Governors	
expense	250.00
Chapter Commissions	500.00
Floral Wreath for	
Memorial at Worcester	25.00
Miscellaneous*	269.40
Total	\$6,051.00

*Includes Reunion gratuities, hats, badges and other expenses.

Upon a motion duly made by Dom Miele and seconded by Frank Chatto it was voted to: Accept the budget as submitted by the Committee.

President Francis Maher thanked Walter O'Keefe and his committee.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

The Newspaper Committee Chairman, Richard Pestel, then named the following members who comprised his committee: Arthur Schmidt, Leonard DeBell and Victor Butswinkus.

The Committee recommends:

The Editor make inquiry at the Post Office regarding Third Class and Second Class postal rates.

Issue of Octofoil preceding the Annual Reunion be entered in the Post Office six weeks before the date of the Reunion.

The Editor be instructed to contact one or more reputable advertising agencies to determine whether it is possible or profitable to solicit paid advertisements for The Octofoil.

The Octofoil budget is being taken care of by the Finance Committee.

The Newspaper Committee thanks Paul Plunkett for a good job as Editor of The Octofoil.

After a motion duly made by Frank Chatto and seconded by Dom Miele it was voted to: Accept the Newspaper Committee's report.

President Francis Maher thanked Dick Pestel and his committee.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

The President then called upon Chairman Robert Rummenapp of the Miscellaneous Committee to give his report.

Chairman Rummenapp then named the following members who comprised his committee:

William Nelson, Bud Remer, Harry Orenstein and Art McDougall. The Miscellaneous Committee recommends the following:

1. That Reunion Committees plan more activities for the children of the members attending the Reunions.
2. That the Chapters take advantage of free advertising on TV, radio and newspapers.
3. Have a Welcoming Committee to greet newcomers at the Reunions.
4. The Reunion Committee try to get menus of restaurants close to the hotels (and the prices) so that the members can get an idea of what restaurants to choose.
5. Cut out long general membership meetings. Too much time spent at the Reunions at meetings.

After a motion duly made by Edward Iannetti and seconded by Art Schmidt it was voted to: Accept the Miscellaneous Committee's report.

President Maher thanked Robert Rummenapp and his committee for their report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Rizzo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then named the following members who comprised his committee: Frank Ozart, John Sabato, Thomas Boyle, Paul Keller, Frank Fazio, and Tony Valeri.

The following men were nominated by the Committee to serve on the National Board of Governors for the next three years:

Henry Shimkoski, from the New England Chapter.

Harry Orenstein, from the New York Chapter.

John Bonkowski, from the Michigan Chapter.

Victor Butswinkus, from the Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter.

Frank Wade, member at large.

After a motion duly made by Leonard DeBell and seconded by Dom Miele, it was voted to: Instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

President Maher thanked John Rizzo and his committee.

NEW BUSINESS

President Maher then called for New Business.

Thomas Boyle then recommended that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The people of the Immaculate Conception Parish in the City of Worcester, Mass., have caused to be erected in the year of 1962 on the grounds of their Church, a beautiful Memorial dedicated to the memory of the 4,581 men of the Ninth Infantry Division who gave their lives in the service of their Country; and

WHEREAS, These same people have annually extended to the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association an invitation to use the facilities of their Church for spiritual and social purposes, and,

WHEREAS, The people of the Immaculate Conception Church in the City of Worcester, Massachusetts, have in an immeasurable way helped us to keep alive the true meaning of our Association. Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, meeting in the city of Springfield, Illinois, on this 26th day of July in the year 1963, extend to these wonderful people, our deepest thanks for their hospitality to us, the living; and their devotion to our honored comrades who wore the Octofoil while serving their country and are now buried on three continents, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the records of this Association for public view and a copy forwarded to the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church located in the City of Worcester, Massachusetts.

After a motion duly made by Paul Plunkett and seconded by John Sabato, it was voted to: Adopt the resolution. A standing vote was given.

PROPOSE 18-YEAR PROGRAM

Edward Egan made a motion that a Scholarship Award be granted for the next 18 years, a sum of \$500 to \$1000. The funds for this Scholarship to be taken from the Capital Gains of the Association's mutual investments. Edward Iannetti seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated by one vote. (24 to 23.)

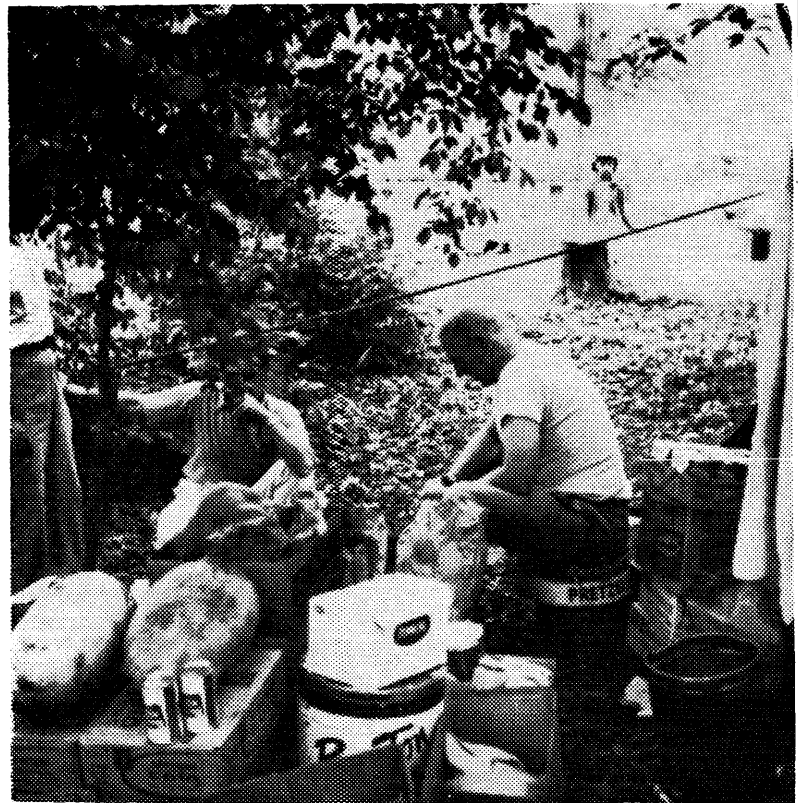
After a motion duly made by Dave Heller and seconded by John Sabato it was voted to: Adopt a resolution directing the Governing Board to follow a policy that Capital Fund of the Association will not be permitted to increase beyond the reasonable needs of the organization and that any surplus be transferred into the Memorial Fund for distribution as scholarships.

Paul Plunkett asked the membership to give a standing vote of thanks to John Clouser, Chairman of the Reunion Committee. This was done.

There being no further business to come before this meeting and upon a motion duly made by Paul Keller and seconded by Harrison Daysh it was voted to: Adjourn the meeting at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL, QUINN,
National Secretary
—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Wadalavage Is a Demon Potato Peeler



Adolph Wadalavage drew K.P. during the New York Chapter picnic. He is shown above as he slaved away taking the peeling off several bushels of spuds. Adolph might not have come up with enough spuds to make many pancakes—but he had barrels of peelings if the chefs could have figured out a way to use them. O'Keefe claims there was entirely too much 'tato sheared off with the peelings.

Gen. Westmoreland Has a Job Waiting

The Octofoil has been advised that a poll has been taken amongst the New York City cabbies and they have voted that they would like for Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland to take over the New York City Police Commissioner's job when he retires from the Army. They claim the department has been in a "mess" all these years—it can probably survive until the general has the time on his hands to move in and straighten out the loose ends.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

FORM NEW CLUB TO COMBAT HIKES

From the Ohio AFL-CIO publication, "News and Views":

"A new AA has been formed, known as Athletes Anonymous. When you get an urge to go for a 50-mile hike, you go to your neighbor's house. He talks you out of it and then drives you home."

Disabled Bronx Vet An Efficient Driver

The leased news wires recently carried stories about a Bronx, N. Y. taxi driver who had overcome a crippling stage in life and was organizing a taxi company that would give jobs to handicapped veterans.

The Ninth Division Association has many members partially disabled who are being discriminated against by industrial employers. When an individual is courageous enough to try to provide employment for handicapped veterans the movement merits support of all veteran groups.

The Bronx man is 29-year-old Lawson-Lewis, a member and past president of the New York Chapter of the National Paraplegia Foundation.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A well adjusted person is one who can play golf and bridge as though they were games.

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DIRTY BIRD

The farmer's wife was disturbed at the language of the young visitor from the city was using and feared her little daughter might learn the bad habit. So she told the minister about it and asked him to have a talk with the little girl from the city.

"Are you the little girl who uses bad language" the minister asked the next time he saw the girl.

"Who told you?" she asked suspiciously.

"A little bird," he replied.

"Well, I'll be damned," the girl cried. "I like that. After I've been feeding the little bastards."

NEW YORKER GOES ON ANOTHER 6,000-MILE SAFARI AFTER THE SPRINGFIELD REUNION TRIP

By ART SCHMIDT,
Public Relations Director
New York Chapter

Since my mother and I visited so many former Ninth men on our visit through the South and Texas after the Springfield Reunion I feel the highlights of that safari will be of interest to many of the members—and for that reason I'm mailing to The Octofoil many pictures that were made on the trip plus the story printed below that deals with the highlights of the trip.

We visited an old army buddy, Carroll Leake, in Robstown, Texas. He and his mother made the three days there most enjoyable. Carroll was anxious to know how John Gee was getting along. He keeps his membership in various veterans posts and fraternal organizations. It is surprising how these memberships help quench a thirst in this dry Texas country. Carroll will try and attend the Philadelphia Reunion and be a guest at the Schmidt home before returning to Texas.

From Robstown, Tex., a drive was made into Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Puchases included some brandy, tequila, and bourbon. From Mexico we drove to Schertz, Texas, and looked up Innocenzo Guel, B Co., 15th Engrs. He has a civil service job at Randolph Air Force Field.

ON TO CAROLINA

The next stop was Spartanburg, S. C., where we looked up Edgar Huff, B Co., 15th Engrs. Ed's oldest child is now in high school.

Huff is top man for the service department of an appliance dealer.

Next stop was Mt. Holly, N. C., where Capt. Frank Rankin, B Co., 15th Engrs., lives. We stayed overnight in Mt. Holly so we could have breakfast with Frank and spend some time with him. We also visited his wife and four children. His oldest daughter is planning on entering a nursing school. Frank is practicing law.

While in Mt. Holly I "remembered" there was a bar across the Catawba River, my mother and I crossed the bridge (which was designed by Rankins) for a few beers. Mt. Holly happens to be in a dry county.

While in Mt. Holly a man come up to me and said he noticed the Ninth Division decal on my car and introduced himself. His name was William Morris, Box 527, Cramertown, N. C., and he was formerly with G Co., 47th.

Rankin and his wife spoke well of Col. Royal. He had been visiting the Rankins and mentioned the writer had been on good behavior in Illinois, but that, they claimed, was because my mother went along.

From Mt. Holly we drove to Fort Bragg, where we looked over the old Ninth Division area. We drove up to New York in about 13 hours making a stop in Washington, D. C. for a steak at the the famous O'Donnells

Restaurant. However, when getting back home and checking with Adolph Wadalavage it was learned that we had mistaken another barracks for the old 15th Engrs. barracks — SO WE GOT BACK TO FORT BRAGG again and found the right barracks. This time we stopped in Gen. Westmoreland's headquarters but didn't get to see him. We left a message with a major in his office. The Major told us that a new parachute drop zone, Ste. Mere Eglise, had been constructed out on Chicken Road and gave directions how to get there. They were going to have parachute drops there at 5:15 P.M., 8:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

In addition to the Old Division Area, while at Fort Bragg this time we took a good look at Hedrick's Stadium, the Main Post Officers' Club (where we held the Fort Bragg Reunion banquet), the 82nd Airborne NCO Club (where we held our picnic), and the old hospital area.

CONFIDENTIALLY SPEAKING

While visiting with Charlie Huffman, Co. B, 15th Engrs., 91-43 81st St., Woodhaven, N. Y., and told of visits with Guel, Leake, Rankin and Huff—and of the side trip to Fort Bragg, Hoffman opened up and agreed that it was true—he did take Guel for \$200.00 in that crap game.

SCHMIDT COMMENTS ON THE CABBIE'S LETTERS

Our mysterious cabbie, Victor C. Marcone has written again—this time about a Sgt. Arthur F. Schmidt of the 60th. This Sgt. Schmidt was out of the Army for three years but joined again and saw more action in Korea. His address is 1072 3rd Ave., New York, N. Y., and would like to hear from the men of the 60th.

Marcone claims many veteran cabbies are anxious to hear from the men of 746th Tk. Bn., and 899th Tk. Destroyers Bn. and the 2nd Arm. Division and Anti-Tank outfits.

Sgt. Schmidt is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Marcone also claims in another letter that a "veteran member recently was a passenger of a much decorated 9th Infantry cabbie, also a charter member of the Association, who lost contact somewhere along the line and is now planning to re-affiliate. His name is H. Becker, 39th Regt., 1385 Shakespeare Ave., Bronx, N. Y. In this same letter it noted that Billie Bell, a war time signal corps photo man of the Armored Divisions in the ETO, tells that his close friend, Frank Mastro, now with the New York Mirror photo service, did cover the Ninth Infantry for a short while in the ETO and possibly has some photos and data of the Division.

Marcone closes his informative letter about former Ninth men running loose all over the nation by calling attention to the raw deal ex-G.I. cabbies are getting in Chicago and New York.

BUS RIDE FROM NEW YORK TO THE REUNION WAS A REAL EXPERIENCE

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
Public Relations Director
Greater New York Chapter
69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.
President 4-7100, Ext. 13

The Chapter's chartered bus left W. 31st St. and 8th Ave., New York City at 10:05 A.M. July 24 bound for Springfield, Ill., the 1963 Reunion City. Lou Almasy was the last passenger to arrive. When the bus got under way the following passengers were on board:

O'Keefe, Orenstein, Miller, Uman-sky, Strall, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Mr. and Mrs. Apar and their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo, Lou Almasy, Fazio, Egan, Iannetti, my mother and myself. Frank Fazio took the loud-speaker and started calling out the sights.

At Newark Airport coming aboard were Jack Scully, Quinn, Russo, Randy Brown, George Zipfel, and Charlie Warner, and the "refreshments."

Danny Quinn took the loudspeaker and announced that the stewardess service was terrible and thereby designated Eddie Iannetti as "stewardess" and clean-up man. Just after leaving Newark Airport some cattle were noticed making love.

The bus stopped at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Philadelphia at 12:25 P.M. to pick up four adults and a girl—the Butswinkus and the McDougalds. With this number of passengers the trip proved both a financial and social success. The cost per person was very reasonable, considering the fare amounted to less than the regular round trip bus fare and free refreshments were available going and coming. The bus left Philadelphia at 12:35 P.M.

WAGON MASTER O'KEEFFE

Dan Quinn designated Walter O'Keefe as "wagon-master" Nevertheless, O'Keefe deserves a big hand for organizing the bus trip. He thanked the group for helping to fill the bus and hoped we all had a pleasant trip. It was noted that the ladies were making good use of the toilet with which the bus was equipped. We stopped for a 15-minute break at the Howard Johnson Restaurant on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Leaving there at 2:20 P.M., a flat tire developed—not really a blowout—but the tread tore off the tire, causing a two-hour wait. Going out of Philadelphia we took the Schuylkill Expressway to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Everyone was busy taking on refreshments during the wait. The doors were left open and the bus got filled with flies and insects. Pat Higgins, Mr. McInerney, McDougald, Charlie Warner and Dan Quinn were put on the fly swat detail. They had no respect for a person's head or body if a fly was detected. Ray Strall can vouch for that. McDougald emerged champion fly swatter. Quinn got the booby prize—he swung more and hit fewer flies than anyone else.

MIELE FURNISHED MUSIC

Dom Miele played his mandolin while the group sung along. Higgins and Mr. McInerney did a jig.

A stop was made at the Bedford Howard Johnsons on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, leaving there at 7:15 P.M. Pittsburgh was reached at 9:10 P.M., where everyone ate while the bus was serviced.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike was left behind via U. S. Highways 30 and 22. The group left Pittsburgh at 10:30 P.M., taking U. S. Highway 22 to U. S. Highway 40 to Indianapolis, Indiana, where U. S. Highway 36 was used on in to Springfield, Ill.

CHANGE DRIVERS

A short stop for eats was made at Richmond, Indiana. Drivers were changed at Pittsburgh and Indianapolis. Indianapolis was reached at 6:30 A.M. and departure was at 6:45 A.M.

INDIGESTION ?

Danny Quinn had a case of indigestion, claiming he was plagued with "gas pockets," while George Zipfel insisted on singing throughout the night. Scully let it be known he would rather sleep. Breakfast was served at the Old Colonial Kitchen at 8:45 A.M., leaving there at 9:45 A.M., arriving at the Hotel Saint Nicholas in Springfield at 12 Noon (11 A.M. Springfield time), which, when spelled out, showed it had

taken the bus 26 hours to get to Springfield. John Clouser was at the hotel entrance waiting for his bus-tired visitors.

PURELY PERSONAL NOTES

My mother and I were in the company of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, with their daughter and niece. Morris lives in Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. He regrets that he is unable to attend New York Chapter meetings, and said if the meetings were held on Saturdays he would be able to attend more often. The daughter, Christine and the niece, Georgia Ann really had a ball. Morris was with D Co., 60th. Also at our table was Paul D. Clark, D Co., 60th, Chicago, Ill. This was at the beer party. We enjoyed a steak dinner at the hotel, priced most reasonable. It took a "Mid Western politician" to outsmart a New York City slicker like myself. It was announced over the loud speaker in the hotel that anyone interested in going on a guided tour was to go on the car outside. I thought this was a tour being sponsored by the Reunion Committee. I learned only too late that it was a privately sponsored tour and it cost me \$5 for myself and \$5 for my mother. We did see log cabins at New Salem, Lincoln's Tomb and Lincoln's Home in Springfield, but it was learned later that there was a similar tour for \$1 a person. It developed later, we got to see both New Salem and Lincoln Tomb again free as part of the Reunion activities.

FISH FRY WORTHWHILE

Everyone had a pleasant time at the DAV picnic grounds. The meal was worthwhile standing in line for. My mother found herself a new and staunch friend—the wife of one of the members.

After the fish fry the band played some good music. I even danced a while with my mother, I was so thrilled by the music.

George Zipfel made the rounds of all the bars in Springfield. No one has located the bars he claimed the merchandise was sold dirt cheap.

Quinn lost his jacket and went back to the hotel by car.

We made the mistake of visiting the New York CP before going to the picnic. Frank Fazio mixed up a couple of his specials for my mom—as a result our departure for the picnic was delayed.

Charles Libretto of New York, made the trip to Springfield by plane, while John Morris and family, Bill Kreye and family, Langer and family made the trip by car.

John Morris and his wife invited us to share their table at the banquet. Also at this table were Frank "Father" Duffy, 47th, of Westbury, L. I., N. Y., and James Dennis Hayes, Division Headquarters. Joe Daily and his wife introduced themselves to the writer. He lives in Hollis, N. Y. and was with the 34th F.A., Bty. C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Ed Egan presented a motion to use funds from the capital funds on a yearly basis but was voted down by a close vote.

The writer served on the Newspaper Committee but since the Committee's recommendations are printed elsewhere in this issue in the official transcription of the proceedings, there is no need to dwell on happenings at the business meeting in this column.

AWARDS GIVEN OUT

Among the awards given out were those given to George Apar and Harry Orenstein as outgoing member of the Board of Governors and as National Third Vice-President respectively, and an award given to Mr. McInerney, a Gold Star parent, for his valuable services to the New York Chapter. Harry Orenstein was elected to the Board of Governors.

LOOKING TOWARD 1964

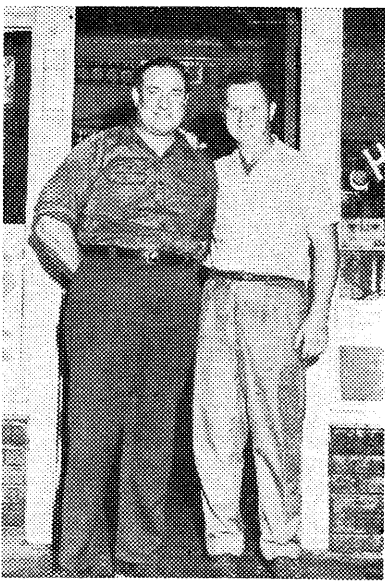
The New York Chapter membership is looking forward to attending the next Reunion in Philadelphia en masse.

REPORTS TO WADALAVAGE

The writer visited Adolph Wadalavage and gave a full report on the Reunion. He was so grateful he gave mother a dozen fresh eggs from the farm and a package of cheese. The most amazing thing was that he even

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Victor Visits Old Pal



Walter Victor "covers Dixie like the dew" in his travels taking pictures of momentous events. But he always finds time to ferret out a former 9th buddy when away from his home studio at 340 Lynhurst Dr., S.W., Atlanta 11, Ga. Phone: PL. 5-4897. Pictured above (right), is Robert Hall, an old 9th buddy who operates Hall's Texaco Station in Richmond, Va. Bob asks that any and all former Ninth men passing through Richmond either stop by or give him a call. Victor isn't the only professional photographer around either—Hall's 9-year-old son made the above excellent photo.

Schmidt's Safari Pictures Would Fill Many Pages

Art Schmidt (The Baron), and his mother have returned from a 6,000-mile trek down into old Mexico. This safari was made immediately following that memorable bus ride from New York to Springfield, Ill. Art has furnished The Octofoil 37 most interesting pictures taken during the 6,000-mile trip. Many of the pictures show former Ninth men Art and his mother visited in various parts of the country enroute to Mexico—and naturally some interesting scenes taken south of the Border. Realizing space in The Octofoil is limited and area equalization of space has to be reckoned with, The Octofoil has asked Schmidt's permission to use at least two of his prints in each issue for the next five issues.

The 1963 summer vacation period has been packed with action at the Schmidt home. On Mom's 70th birthday the clan got together at Durow's Restaurant, 8101 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, N. Y., to celebrate the occasion. Mom Schmidt's brother and sisters, Henry Ruhl, Mrs. Katherine Snell and Mrs. Anna Bauman were also considered honored guests at the birthday party. The amber fluid was plentiful. The sisters sported corsages of roses while Philanthropic Art furnished an orchid corsage for Mom.

REFURBISH KITCHEN

The Schmidt household kitchen—from stem to stern—ceilings, floor, walls and all way points have been given the latest treatment available by modern interior decorators. As soon as Art can get the proper insurance coverage he plans on having a platoon of old 15th Engr. buddies stop by for a mulligan stew and a bull session.

When Schmidt first started redecorating and repainting and reflooring that kitchen The Octofoil in jest predicted it was being modernized for some future New York Chapter meetings. Now Schmidt writes seriously that he would like for the Chapter to hold a meeting in that basement. He has the facilities to take care of either barrel beer or bottles.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Nick Kenny's Column Mentions Ailing Dan

Nick Kenny's column in the New York newspapers, recently had a black cap side head that read:

CHEER-UP CLUB!!!!

Dip your pin in sunshine and write to the following shut-in:

Dan Quinn, 47-412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.

Dan wants The Octofoil to thank all those good people members and non-members of the Association who dipped their pins in the sunshine ink and sent get well cards.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Suggests Reflectors

One member writes: Many drivers think nothing of buying a car or truck reflector for \$1 or more—so why not a 9th Division decal "Scotch Lite" emblem that would be helpful as a reflector.

PHILLY'S ANNUAL PICNIC RESOLVED ITSELF INTO REUNION COMMITTEE

By R. S. (DICK) WILSON, Secy.
Philly-Delaware Valley Chapter
530 E. Elm Avenue
Woodbury, N. J.

The Chapter's picnic has come and gone—it was held on August 25.

With the 1964 Reunion coming to Philadelphia all the members of the Philly-Delaware Chapter have work laid out to do.

There was quite a nice crowd at the annual picnic. They came from near and far-off places. As indicated by the name, Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter—that covers a lot of ground. Visitors from New York were in attendance, including Bill Kreye and his family. Frank Russo came down from North Jersey. From the Philly-Delaware Chapter there were the old familiar faces and some new ones.

SOLLIDAY BACK IN ACTION

Bill Solliday, who has been having a bit of trouble with his health, made a showing and is all set to help out with the 1964 Convention. Everyone was glad to see Bill.

Some of the new faces noted were Frank Alice and family—Oscar Richards, who haven't been seen in some time were on hand. The usual old guard were there, including Al Cuprys, Vic Butswinkus, "Red" MacDougall, "Hoppy" Hopkins, Nick DiAugustine, John Sabato, past National President, and the Philly Chapter President, Jack O'Shea. The picnic was held at the home of Marty

Krasovetz, so his family was well represented. The members brought their families so the place was well filled.

The August 25 date was supposedly picnic day exclusively—but with "Hustling" Jack O'Shea as the leader, the day soon became for the men, a Convention strategy meeting. A lot of plans were discussed and a lot more will be formulated at the next Chapter meeting to be held at the "New" Sheraton Hotel. The manager of the hotel is really going out of his way to help the Chapter make the '64 Convention a big success.

Members of the Chapter are showing the old spirit and things are humming around Philadelphia.

The Octofoil will be kept fully informed of progress being made by the 1964 Reunion Committee.

P.S.: The Dick Wilson family was well represented at the picnic.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Antique Dues Notices Sent In As Souvenir

The Octofoil's New York cabbie "buddy" has forwarded a dues reminder letter sent out in 1950 by Secretary Charlie Tingley. It is a well drafted letter and is being forwarded to Secretary Quinn, hoping he may extract some ideas to use in future notices that will be helpful.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Some men's wives are clubwomen while most of the others are dish throwers.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Happy Group of Youngsters At the Picnic



To see the smiling faces of the youngsters pictured above at the New York Chapter picnic was ample reward for all the efforts members put forth to make a success of the event.

"The Wheels" Take Time Out to Pose



The above group of New York Chapter members helped run the athletic contests during the annual picnic—kneeling on the left is Herminio Suarez, and next to Herm is Irving Feinberg. Standing, from left to right are: James Haroutunian, Ed Egan, Arthur Schmidt and Ben Murrell, athletic director.

SILBERBERG WAS AT BRAGG WHEN GENERAL WESTMORELAND ARRIVED

The Octofoil is always happy to get a letter from David Silberberg, Attorney at Law in the Home Federal Bldg., Memphis, Tenn. In a letter dated Aug. 3, Dave writes in part as follows:

Dear Paul: I have just returned from annual active duty with my local Army Reserve unit, which took place once again at Fort Bragg.

It so happened that while we were there General Westmoreland arrived to assume his new post as Commander of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. It was quite a colorful and impressive ceremony.

With very best personal regards to everyone.—Sincerely, David.

Dave sent The Octofoil an edition of "The Fort Bragg Paraglide."

Across eight columns on page 1 the large headline reads: **GENERAL WESTMORELAND ASSUMES COMMAND**. Following the streamer are two 4-column pictures. The first picture shows parts of the colorful ceremony upon Gen. Westmoreland's arrival. The second picture showed Gen. Westmoreland getting into his parachute jumping gear, with a 3-column head underneath which read: **GENERAL MADE JUMP HIS FIRST DAY HERE OVER SICILY DZ**

Then men who jumped with Gen. Westmoreland were all G.I.s who had jumped with him at other bases.

Vince Miller Located In Columbus, Ohio

Vince Miller, 1455½ W. 3rd Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43212, walked into the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3424, and the first thing he saw was one of Dick Pestel's big Octofoils on the wall. He wanted to know who was around the place that had ever served with the Ninth Infantry Division. One of the waitress advised Miller that the Post commander was a former 60th Regt. man. Whereupon Miller left a note advising he was with Hqtrs. Co., 1st Bn. through Africa on to Remagen, and would be back soon and have a talk with the Commander.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

PAULUS SENDS THANKS TO HOSTESS "EDIE" PESTEL

A. P. Paulus, 147-49 Huxley St., Rosedale 22, N. Y., arrived home safely from Springfield, and sit right down and started sending out thank you cards to many people who had extended courtesies while he was enroute to and from the Reunion. Edie Pestel received a nice letter from Paulus, in which he wrote:

"Edie, I'm afraid Dick will fail to tell you just how much I appreciated the swell way in which you took care of our every need while we were guests of yours and Dick's home—while on my way to Springfield, Ill. The Friday night we visited with you and Dickie in Columbus will always be a fond memory.

39TH REGT.'S 17TH REUNION HELD IN BINGHAMTON, N. Y. JUNE 14-15

The Octofoil extends thanks to Mr. M. J. McInerney for taking time out to type a complete report on the 17th Reunion of "B" Co., 39th Regt. Mr. and Mrs. McInerney are Gold Star parents of the Division and live at 1709 Second Ave., New York 28, N. Y. Mr. Mc seldom misses a Chapter meeting in New York. The smiling faces of this wonderful couple always adds dignity to the Reunions and the Memorial Services.

17TH REUNION "B" CO., 39TH REGIMENT

The 17th Reunion of "B" Company, 39th Regiment was held in the Arlington Hotel in Binghamton, N. Y. on June 14th and 15th. And as is the custom, a grand time was had by the boys and their ladies, and the friends of the Ninth Division.

Among those attending were Emmett Austin and his brother, from Wooster, Ohio; Don Gareland, Fred Cliff of Hilton, N. Y.; Ed Egan, from Brooklyn; Frank Russo, Raritan,

N. J.; Al De Risio (the Hawk), from Fairport, N. Y.; Tony and Mrs. Brescia, Joe and Mrs. Gravino, Mr. and Mrs. Fianto, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Susko and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bassile, Joe Cascio, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spector, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moffei, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sante (Shine), Sam Ferrante, Mr. and Mrs. William Orband, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Grillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ceratani, Joe La Monica, Mr. and Mrs. McInerney, Gold Star parents from New York City, and many others.

Tom Orband, his wife, Gertrude, and their committee did a bang-up job arranging for the buffet dinner, music and entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. McInerney closed his report on the Reunion by offering his sincere apologies to those whose names he failed to get and therefore was unable to list them above.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Orenstein Reports to His Q.M. "Boys" On the Reunion Held In Springfield

By HARRY ORENSTEIN,
640 East 139th Street,
Bronx 54, N. Y.

To all Q.M.s:
THE Q.M. 1963 SPRINGFIELD REPORT

The 1963 Springfield Reunion was an excellent Reunion. The Reunion Committee must have spent a good deal of time and effort in planning this affair that was so immensely enjoyed by the large turnout. When the "boys" reminisce about reunions in the future, the writer is sure that the Springfield Reunion will be mentioned as one of the best Reunions they ever attended.

Here is a Brief Summarization of some of the Springfield Reunion Highlights that was held on July 25, 26, 27, 1963:

On Thursday, there was a large attendance of the "Boys" and their "ladies" at the Beer Party.

On Friday, there was a Fish Fry dinner and dancing.

Saturday was the Big Day. Eight buses containing men, women and children went to Lincoln's Tomb for Memorial Services. Governor Kerner said "Today we are honoring the men of the Ninth Infantry Division who are scattered over three continents and who gave their lives for the principles that this Government stands for." Father Rowan said a Prayer for the Departed men of the Ninth Infantry Division. Dr. Dave Heller said "Today we are honoring the deceased men of the Ninth Infantry Division who made the Supreme Sacrifice during World War II and those who have passed on since."

ON TO NEW SALEM

After the Memorial Services, the convoy travelled to New Salem Park and saw some of the log cabins with their furnishings and industries of Lincoln's time. There was also a buffet lunch at New Salem Park.

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Signed by PAUL S. PLUNKETT, Editor.

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—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

An adult is a person who has stopped growing at both ends and started in the middle.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

A man does not have to be married in order to take orders.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

The glad hand never has a check in it.

DELICIOUS STEAK

There was a delicious ribeye steak dinner at the banquet. After the banquet, Governor Kerner in his address recalled his participation with the Ninth Infantry Division. It was a pleasure and a privilege to hear Governor Kerner reminisce about his participation with the Ninth Infantry Division. At the end of his speech Governor Kerner received a long standing ovation. **Dancing followed Governor Kerner's speech.**

The Q.M. Roundup. The 1964 Reunion will be held in Philadelphia, Pa. The writer was elected to the Board of Governors.

The writer was glad to see again Bill Palady, Arthur Green, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pizzoferrato, George Kopac, and many, many more "boys" and their "ladies" who regularly attend the annual reunions.

Paul "Doc" Walton, from J. B. Dodd's home town, entertained the "boys" at the dinner table with his humorous stories.

In his pre-Reunion travels, Palady visited Jack Grgurich (pronounced Goodrich). Arthur Green visited John Repka. The writer visited Joe DeMato, George Swanson and Vincent Amore. As usual, Arthur Green took Reunion pictures.

Here are two more addresses:

Jack Grgurich, Route 3, Novinger, Missouri.

Robert Richardson, Route 4, Jasper, Alabama.

Best regards to all. Hoping you are all well at home.—Sincerely, Harry Orenstein.

The Q.M. Committee's addresses are:

Bill Palady,
322 31st St.
McKeesport, Pa.

Harry Orenstein
640 East 139th St.
Bronx 54, N. Y.

W. L. BAKER'S BIG ALBUM OF FILMS ARE AVAILABLE

On several previous occasions the Octofoil has called attention to the fact that W. L. Baker has sent to the Octofoil many hundreds of pictures and films that were made in every spot the Ninth Division has ever been.

Baker suggests that some amateur photographer or film developer who has some spare time on his hands might be in position to make a little cash when it become known that the prints were available. Baker's address is W. L. Baker, 1397 Oxford Rd., N.E., Atlanta 7, Ga.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

West Pointers Parade For General "Westy"

The corps of cadets made a "big show" for their "Supe" as a prelude to the June week graduation ceremonies. New York newspapers gave the activities top rating. Gen. Westmoreland, who graduated from the academy in 1936, said "After three years of working with this select group of young men, it was one of the highest honors I have ever been accorded."

THAT LONG BUS RIDE

(Continued from Page 6)

gave each of us a can of beer. He always uses as an excuse that he can not give Schmidt a beer because he has to drive a car.

Some leftover Souvenir Programs were brought from Springfield and given to Wadalavage who will take them to former Ninth men in VA hospitals—Dave Gelman and Vincent Scuccimarra.

HOMEWARD BOUND

The chartered bus left Springfield on July 28 at 12:45 New York time. Drivers were changed at Rockville, Ind., laying over there from 5:50 P. M. until 7:10 P. M. Quinn and O'Keeffe patronized a different restaurant than did the others and held up departure, thereby causing the "wagon-master" title to be taken away from O'Keeffe. George Zipfel was evidently getting over a hangover, or something. Put his chicken in a bag and walked out of the restaurant.

Dom Miele's mandolin was again put into action until the bus reached Columbus, Ohio, where a stop was made at a Howard Johnson Restaurant. At 2:30 A.M. the bus pulled into Pittsburgh where drivers were changed and the bus serviced. At 3:15 A.M. Pittsburgh was bid adieu and the big bus was rolled down Highways No. 22 and 30 toward the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike was left at Schuylkill Expressway, taking the latter into Philadelphia. After the Philadelphia passengers were unloaded the New Jersey Turnpike was used to the Newark Airport—where Dan Quinn, Russo, Charlie Warner and Jack Scully were dumped. O'Keeffe left the party at Philadelphia to go on to Atlantic City. At 12:45 P.M. the bus arrived in New York City—which made the return trip a 24-hour ride.

BACK-TRACKING

Reverting back to a few happenings in Springfield. Things were popping at the Illinois and New York City C.P.s after the banquet. Although John Rizzo and Dan Quinn suggested maybe my mom was too tired and would like to retire—but she thought differently.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Ed Brewer, L Co., 60th, 4407 W. 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and Eugene Dillman, L Co., 60th, and Shortie Long.

Discussing the death of Mrs. Julia Crovello in New York, a Gold Star parent, Shortie remembered having pulled her son, Cosmo, into apparent safety after he was wounded.

LOOKING FOR MEYER

Adolph Wadalavage asked the writer to look up Brewer and Dillman. However, Paul Schaefer of the 60th, nor Ken Meyer were ever located. Adolph is trying to locate Meyer, whom he has not heard from in over a year. Anyone knowing Ken's address would be doing Wadalavage a big favor if they will send that information to the writer at the address given at beginning of this Bus Ride Story.

"Wild" Bill Zweil of Jersey City, drove to the Reunion with his family.

Arthur Paulus of Brooklyn, and of the 15th Engrs., was another member who drove to the Reunion.

More could be told about that bus trip but time's running out—but be that as it may, mention has to be made of Ed Egan's embarrassment on the bus enroute home. Ed was patronizing the bus's toilet facilities when the driver hit a sharp curve. The door flew open and the unexpected swerve the bus took caused Ed to come tumbling out the of the open door without having the time to get properly buttoned up. It was funny to everyone except Ed, even to the bus driver who saw the performance from his rear vision mirror. Ed still can't see the humor in this incident.

Aside from Ed's misfortune and Turner's rampage with the pillows things were as peaceful as could be expected.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Regarding man, the girls adore A handsome, tall and brawny one, But most of them will settle for A homely, short and scrawny one.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Definition of a jitterbug: A man with a wife, a girl friend, and a note at the bank, all a month past due.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!—

Nothing is opened by mistake any more often than the mouth.

SPRINGFIELD NEWSPAPERS GIVE NINTH MEN FAVORABLE PUBLICITY ALL DURING AND BEFORE THE REUNION DATES

As stated elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil the Springfield (Ill.) newspapers were most generous in the choice space they devoted to the Association during the Reunion in that city. One story that was being printed about Governor Kerner's press conference which dealt with many important legislative matters pertaining to Illinois, was stopped abruptly by the Governor when he strayed from the subject matter being discussed, and the governor remarked: "Do you reporters realize the greatest Infantry Division that the U. S. Army has ever produced is holding a Reunion in Springfield this week." The governor then went on and on to brief the reporters on the accomplishments of the Ninth Division and how the Division was blacked out and never given its due credit during or even since the war.

Parts of George Derwig's story as printed in the State Register are printed alongside the cuts that are being printed in this issue of The Octofoil. The following paragraphs are a continuation of the story Derwig wrote for the Register:

A MIRACLE

One man attended, who by rights—medical, that is—should have had a military funeral long ago. That was Dick Pestel from Grove City, Ohio, about six miles southwest of Columbus. He spent months in military hospitals after being thoroughly shot up in Germany in September, 1944, after two years' service. Discharged from the O'Reilly veterans hospital at Springfield, Mo., in March, 1945, he was hospitalized for various periods five more times. The last time was July, 1962. Pestel said he had wonderful care, but he hopes he's seen the last of surgeons for a long time to come. He still is carrying shrapnel in his right knee, but as far as he's concerned, it can stay there. It hasn't kept him from missing any reunions in the past five years.

Regardless of wounds and wives, most of the fellows at the reunion are already taking about 1964. The place will be announced at the annual banquet on Saturday night, when Governor Kerner will be guest speaker.

Among those anticipating the 1964 Reunion are Warren and Mary Bice of Riverton, Raymond and Caroline Schultz of Lowell, Wis.; George and Laura Gully of Westmont; Leonard and Loretta DeBell from Warren, Mich. Their table had a hot and heavy discussion going on about the merits of cheese versus pizza. A reserve topic is northern versus midwestern climate. Somehow the value of Iowa corn got into the picture too because Mrs. Gully is a native of Iowa. All that can never be threshed out at this year's reunion.

Whatever the topic of discussion at any table, all the palaver probably boils down to what Alex Wilcox of Chicago said: "This is the most terrific outfit ever—we think anyhow—and we've got a lot to do, fighting the war over again and fighting a war on the home front for a better America."

"Maybe we're making with a lot of words, but thank God we live in a place where we can—and will see results."

With that he faded away with his buddies until the next time.

FATHER CONNORS NOT THERE

One of the bitter disappointments experienced by those attending the Springfield Reunion was the inability of Father Ed Connors to be in attendance because of a death in his family. Father Connors sent a beautiful worded letter explaining his absence. It reads:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECTORY

353 Grove Street
Worcester 5, Mass.

July 24, 1963.
Mr. John J. Clouser, Gen. Chmn.,
9th Infantry Div. Convention,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear John: Truly it grieves me to write this note—to express my disappointment that I shall be unable to attend the Convention. This morning my aunt died—and I must offer her funeral Mass on Saturday. Nothing less than a death in the family would keep me away from Springfield. I had my plane tickets—and had arranged for a priest to fill in for me on Sunday in my own parish.

This is a special disappointment for many reasons—to miss our distinguished host and my dear friend, His Excellency, Governor Otto Kerner—to miss any Memorial Service and especially this one at the tomb of the great Lincoln—and it is always a great disappointment not to be able to enjoy the gang, that truly is the greatest—and not to be with

you—who has been so dedicated to the Association—and who has always had a reverent thought for our deceased. Previously, I had missed two Conventions—but each time it was impossible for me to attend. To attend these gatherings has always been a great privilege—and to me an obligation, and a very consoling obligation.

For those interested—and I know that all are interested—you can tell them that last November we had by far our largest gathering at our Annual Memorial Mass in Worcester. This gathering, as you well know, never fails to thrill the members of my parish—and to make a deep impression on the people of this city. I am amazed and delightful and grateful that the gang continues to attend this Mass in such large numbers. Surely, no Division has remembered their Deceased and our Gold Star people so faithfully and so prayerfully. As usual, God willing, I shall offer Mass for our Deceased this November—the date will be November 10—and Connors Coffee Shop will be open Saturday evening as usual. If any members of the Association wish to be on my mailing list, would you send me word. Perhaps you can make some mention of this. I had intended to bring with me printed forms—to get the address of these members. However, tell the gang that all are welcome.

O, yes—I continue to wear proudly the "GREEN MAJOR LEAF," presented to me by Gov. Kerner's former battalion commander, General Westmoreland—an award given to me because of my distinction of being without question the "WORST SOLDIER IN THE 9TH DIVISION"—and with all the competition I had from most of you fellows, this award is no small prize.

Even though I shall be unable to be present at the Convention, I shall be with all, the living and the Deceased, as I offer my Masses this week-end. Each day as I offer Mass, I ALWAYS remember ALL members of the 9th Division—the Deceased, of course, and the living and their families. Every blessing to all—and a successful Convention. And I wish to thank all for their wonderful regard for me—which is one of my greatest consolations—and kindest personal regards to yourself, John. And please convey to Governor Kerner and his family my regrets—and to the Governor give my assurance that I still hope to accept his invitation to visit the executive mansion—and may his career continue to be marked with success and distinction and goodness.

And, say a prayer for old man Connors.

God bless all.

Faithfully and Regretfully Yours,
EDWARD T. CONNORS.

(Major, please)

Keep your helmets on—gang.

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL

LOUIS A. CRAIG
3700 Fordham Road, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

July 23, 1963.

Dear John:

You are in the process of seeing great plans and effort bear fruit and I trust that you will be happy with the results.

Please convey my respects to the distinguished alumnus of the Division—the Governor of Illinois.

Best wishes to the Illinois Chapter for a smooth and successful operation.

And warm regards to my friends who are present.

Sincerely,
LOUIS A. CRAIG.

Following are a few of the telegrams Chairman John Clouser received from members unable to attend the Reunion:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Hqtrs. 9th Inf. Division Assn.
Hotel St. Nicholas
Springfield, Ill.

Best wishes for a successful Reunion. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

STEVE GREY.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

9th Div. Assn. Reunion
Care Hotel St. Nicholas
Springfield, Ill.

Regret couldn't attend. Hope to make it next year. Lots of luck and success.

MR. AND MRS. MARCUS

SCIARAPPA AND FAMILY.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Dan Quinn, Natl. Secy.
9th Inf. Div. Assn.
Hotel St. Nicholas
Springfield, Ill.

Due to transfer and reassignment

I am sorry I am unable to attend the Reunion. Best regards to you and the members of the New York Chapter and to the entire Association. Sincerest best wishes for a most successful Reunion.

PAT AND ANN MORANO.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

First Vice-President Vincent Guglielmino lost his Father by death and funeral services were held July 26. The Board of Governors received the following from Vince:

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. Only a deep personal loss could keep me away from the Reunion.

VINCENT GUGLIELMINO.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

OHIO CHAPTER HELD MEETING AT V.F.W. CLUB ON SEPT. 6

President Dick Toole called the Ohio Chapter meeting to order at 8:30 P.M., Sept. 6, 1963. Both President Toole and Secretary Pestel were "teed" off because no more showed up than did. Plans are in the making to change the meeting night away from Friday nights. It seems that most every family has a "future Red Grange" playing football on Friday night on some of the city's recreational grounds or high school competition.

Those who did show up thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The session was held in one of the private rooms at the Benson Hough V.F.W. Post—a nice building, in an excellent neighborhood with no parking problem. The meetings should be packed.

Orville Black keeps showing up. Says one of these nights Clyde DeLong won't have to work at the post-office and Orville is laying for him.

The gang was glad to see Pearl Nickle's health was so greatly improved that he was able to attend.

Cards will be sent out announcing the next meeting date—just as soon as the officers have decided on a different day of the week to meet, an experiment they hope will draw a few more of the members out to the meetings.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

"Poor Richard" Has His T-r-o-u-b-l-e-s

Many members of the Association think they have problems and troubles. They "ain't" seen nothing yet. They should have had to listen to the woes of Dickie Pestel when he got back to Ohio from Springfield.

Early one morning shortly after the Reunion the Octofoil editor noted a slip of paper under the door. Picking the scrap of paper up it was noted the editor's name was written on it, and here's the message that was also scribbled on the half-sheet:

"Paul: Illinois State Register is inside this local paper. Just used to serve as protection. Can't stop to talk. Am in a helluva jam—dogs got into my herd of sheep while I was in Springfield. Sure a lot of work to catch up on. Shot another 'possum last night—five all together this week. They are playing hell with my chickens."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

SCUCCIMARRI SENDS NEATLY PRINTED HOSPITAL PAPER

During the past month The Octofoil has received several nicely composed cards from G. V. Scuccimarr, a patient at the VA Hospital in Montrose, New York. From the tone of the lad's letters and their appearance, indications are that he is improving. He also mailed a copy of the hospital newspaper titled "Montrose Recover." The little paper can and probably is quite a morale booster at the Institution. Adolph Wadalavage, Service Officer for the Greater New York Chapter, has made several personal calls on Scuccimarr in recent months.

Scuccimarr is a loyal Ninth Division man, and it is hoped that he gets sufficiently improved so as to warrant his release before very long.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Sophistication is the art of recognizing a new joke and acting as if it's an old one.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

They call it middle age because that's where it shows most.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

The honeymoon is over if instead of helping with the dishes he does them all himself.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

FACTS OF LIFE

Small boy's answer in an anatomy class:

"Your legs is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base, and neither can your sister."

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

Another thing more blessed to give than to receive is advice.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

SEPTEMBER 6 NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING HELD IN STATLER-HILTON

MOWERY'S POEM GETS PUBLISHED

Joe A. Mowery, a former 9th M.P., now on Route 3, Box 50, Forest City, N. C., is an above the average amateur poet. Many of his poems have been published in various publications. One that was recently published in a nationally circulated labor newspaper reads as follows:

THE AWAKENING

By Joe A. Mowery

On looking back, it seems to me,
The bubble burst at twenty-three.
My youthful thoughts of world and man
Were dashed like waves upon the sand.

And lo, I stood alone at last,
My eyes were turning to the sea,
And as a man I took the hand
Of stark reality.

With memory now much time I spend
With thoughts of war and more of men.
Of a ship that sailed the seven seas
And friends who fell like autumn leaves.

And sometimes in the darkest night
I hear their lingering voices still,
Those friends of mine of long ago
Who sleep on foreign hills.

All through the years of living,
Of toil, of sorrow, and of pain,
Half of the world is sleeping
And dreaming of fortune's gain,
While others see the bright sunrise
With all of God's nature galore,
And value a friendly handshake
That bids you enter their door.

The latter days are here at last,
The morning mist has rolled away.
It seems I hear the Saviour's voice
To show and guide the way.

I don't pretend to understand
The reason for it all,
But go my way until the end
To worlds beyond recall.

—PAY 1-9-6-4 DUES NOW!

SGT. KREYE COMMENTS ON VARIOUS 9TH UNITS

Sgt. William M. Kreye, 337 20th St., Brooklyn 15, N. Y., is a known authority on 39th Regt. historical data. But just to prove that he is versatile, Bill types out some interesting notes for Octofoil readers that pertain to many other units which made up the Ninth Division. His letter of June 17, reads:

First of all, to show that all my thoughts are not restricted to the AAA-O (39th Infantry), I have come across an interesting article that appeared in the Fort Bragg Post newspaper around July, 1942. It reads as follows and may be of interest to some of our boys who were with the 60th Field Artillery:

Supporting the 60th Infantry Regiment you'll find the hard-hitting cannoners of the 60th Field Artillery Battalion, an outfit that was activated on October 1, 1940, under the command of Lt. Col. A. M. Harper.

That was the day the old 26th F.A. Regiment was sliced up, and its Second Battalion, consisting of 27 officers and 517 enlisted men, became the new and powerful 60th Field Artillery Battalion. The 60th F.A. is the one that, after one year, had two streamers attached to its battalion standard, one for excellence in administration and one for excellence in combat intelligence.

Honors seemed to come easily to the 60th. On January 9, 1941, Battery B went to Raleigh for the inaugural parade of Governor Broughton of North Carolina and returned just in time to move to the new barracks in the Ninth Division Area. Following this 120 men of the Battalion went to Washington, D. C. to represent the Division at the inaugural parade for the President. It was the 60th that won the Artillery Anti-Tank firing test and then, with a heavy training program under their belts, went out on the Carolina Maneuvers in support of the 60th Infantry regiment and proved that they are past masters in the art of laying down howitzer fire where and when it is needed.

Their commander, Major Clinton L. Adams, joined the 60th F.A. Battalion on July 15, 1941, and as Captain, then as Major, has been with the outfit ever since.

Their insignia shows a 105 shell in a background of yellow and red bars. The bars symbolize the dependable work of the artillery in barring the enemy. Without an officially adopted motto, the 60th Field Artillery is busy shaping one out of the homely fabric of work and faith and devotion and courage. And, watching them work, you know they are going to have a good one.

By ARTHUR RICHARD SCHMIDT,
Public Relations Director
Greater New York Chapter
69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.
PResident 4-7100, Ext. 13

On Sept. 6, 1963 the New York Chapter held its meeting at the Hotel Statler Hilton, 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City, in the Pennsylvania Room. The next meeting will be October 4th, 8:30 P.M., at the same place. President Walter O'Keeffe has arranged for an interesting lecture and a showing of a film on "SAGE" by a representative of the New York Telephone Company.

25 MEMBERS PRESENT

President O'Keeffe opened the meeting by asking Chapter Chaplain George Apar to say a prayer. Dominick Miele, Secretary, read minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read. Irving Feinberg, the Treasurer, announced the Chapter is still operating in the black. Frank Fazio, Dance Committee Chairman, advised that much progress is being made in preparation for the dance to be held at the Elk's Lodge in Union City, N. J., on Oct. 12. Tickets will be \$2.50 with plenty of good food "on the house." Frank asked the members to support the dance by bringing a friend and/or a new member.

President O'Keeffe stated he will charter a bus for the trip to Worcester for Father Connors Memorial Services if enough members are interested. The fare for the bus was estimated to be \$7.80. O'Keeffe can be reached by phone any night except Wednesday or Thursday by calling EV. 2-4133. His address is 1858 Woodbine St., Ridgewood 27, New York.

ELKS LODGE ON DEC. 8TH

Danny Quinn reported he was able to get the facilities of the Elks Lodge in Union City, New Jersey, on Dec. 8. There will be movies and toys for the children. Our 50-50 Club is being run in conjunction with the Christmas Party.

30 NEW MEMBERS

Quinn stated that the Association picked up at least 30 new members at the Springfield Reunion. He also reported that the Reunion was a financial success. There was some discussion in re: the possibility of purchasing a movie camera for the Chapter to be used at Reunions and Chapter affairs. The proposition was brought up by Quinn and O'Keeffe. It was decided to ascertain the cost of a camera and discuss the proposition at the next meeting.

TO INVITE STOREY

A suggestion was made that the Chapter invite Dick Storey to attend a meeting.

SCULLY WINS

Jack Scully won the dark horse—a pass case wallet. Harry Juneman, K Co., 60th, address 78-58 74th St., Glendale 27, N. Y., phone EV. 2-7705, said he would like to hear from some of his old 60th buddies.

The writer read some letters received from the address unknown cab driver, Victor Marcone. Harry Orenstein noted the name and address of a Sergeant Arthur F. Schmidt, mentioned in one of Marcone's letters. Sgt. Schmidt has said he would like to hear from some of his old buddies.

Feinberg brought a magazine called "Man's Conquest". It has an article titled "The Green Hell of Huertgen Forest," which gives the Ninth Infantry Division credit for being one of the divisions that participated in this bloody fighting. Parts of the article will be noted elsewhere in this issue of The Octofoil.

The writer brought his copy of the book "Battle of the Huertgen Forest" to the meeting. It is being loaned to various members—at the present time Jack Scully is reading the book.

There was free beer at the meeting but that wasn't strong enough for Quinn, Apar, Scully, O'Keeffe, Ed Egan, Lou Almasy and Frank Fazio. They invited the writer to the bar with them—but they're out of my class. O'Keeffe got away from it in good time because he had to arise quite early and met his sister, a nun, who was due for a visit.

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